

# Reservoir Storage Outlook

May 15, 2014



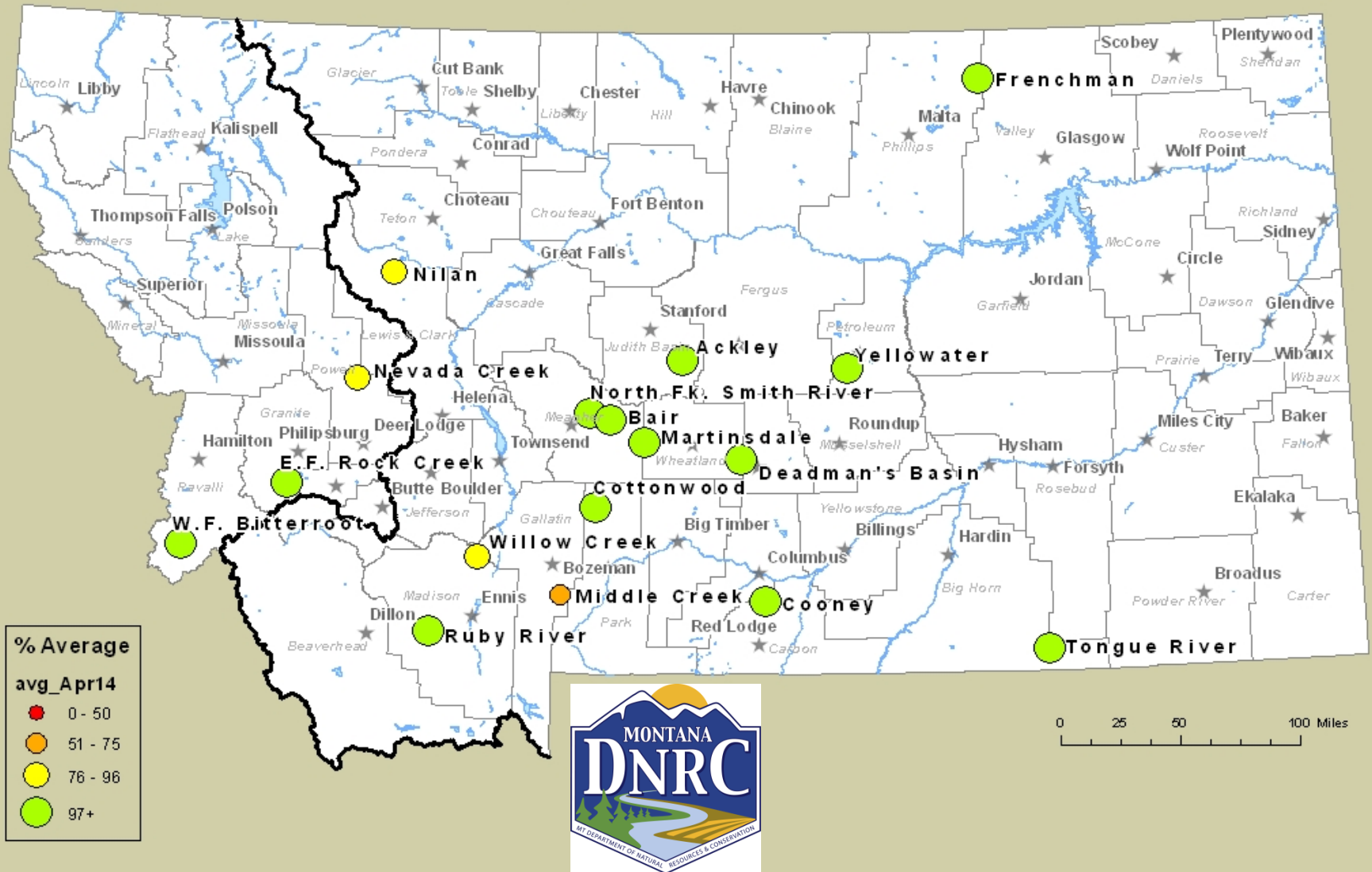
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# Montana DNRC State Water Projects Bureau Reservoirs



# Reservoir Contents Report

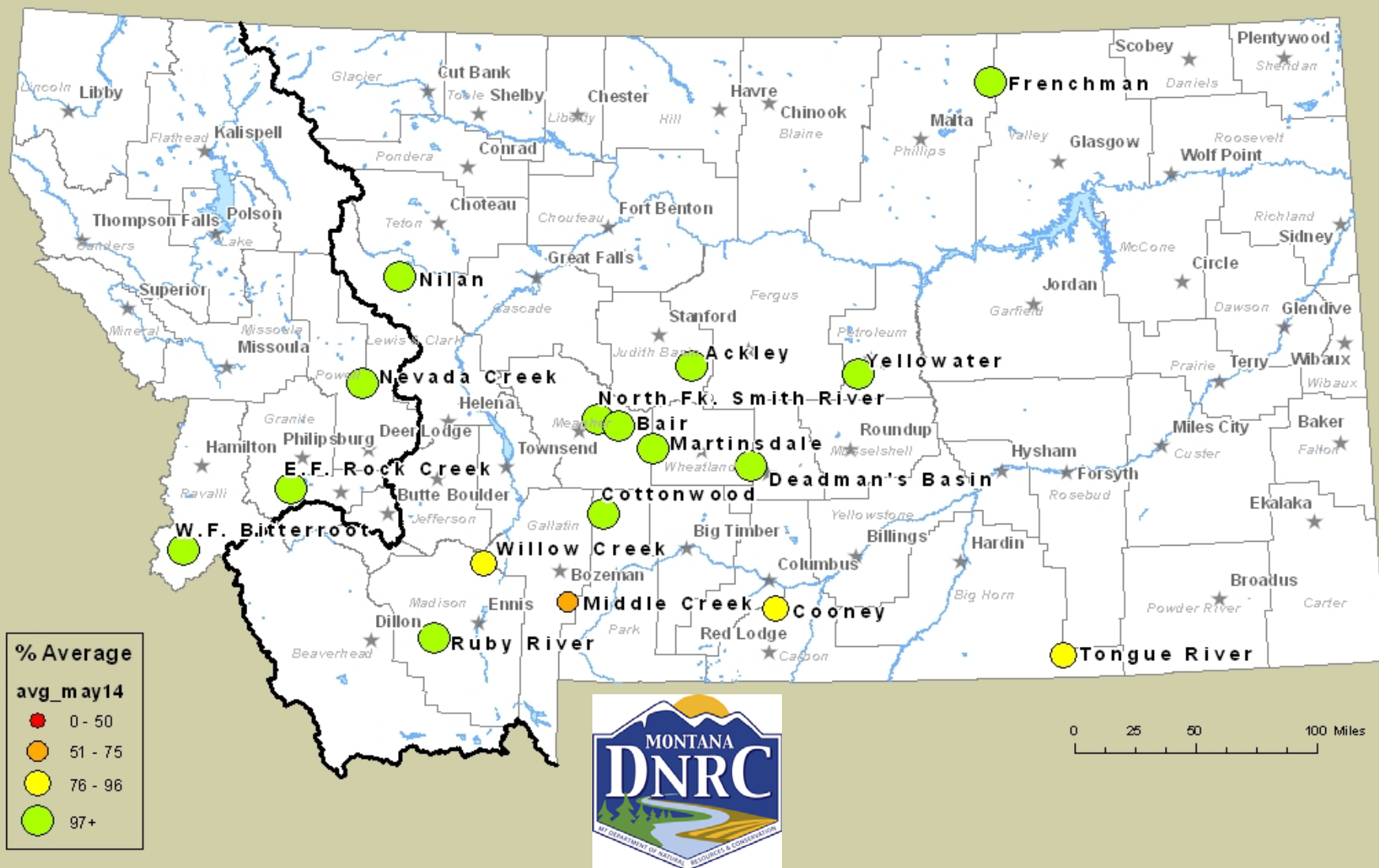
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# MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION - STATE WATER PROJECTS BUREAU

**April 30, 2014**

All Contents in Acre-Feet

RESERVOIR	TOTAL CAPACITY (includes dead storage)*	CONTENTS					READING DATE	COMMENTS
		AVERAGE	Last Year	Last Month	PRESENT	% CAPACITY		
		1960 - 2013	4/30/2013	3/31/2014	4/30/2014	4/30/2014		
	Full Pool							
	Contents							
ACKLEY	6,722	3,669	2,946	4,153	4,112	61	5/1/2014	elev.=4306.8
BAIR	7,300	5,292	4,883	3,773	5,114	70	4/30/2014	elev.=5315.99
COONEY	28,230	22,450	20,595	21,461	20,950	74	4/29/2014	elev.=4242.0 (20,860 AF)
COTTONWOOD	1,900	1,483	748	1,596	1,981	104	4/29/2014	elev.=5102.8
DEADMAN'S BASIN	75,968	53,371	55,870	56,444	69,290	91	4/30/2014	elev.=3917.69 (65,540 AF)
E.F. ROCK CREEK	16,040	9,652	10,718	9,720	10,224	64	4/30/2014	elev.=6039.2
FRENCHMAN	2,777	2,431	2,777	2,777	2,777	100	5/2/2014	spilling
MARTINSDALE	23,348	12,069	7,548	7,344	15,138	65	4/30/2014	elev.=4769.87
MIDDLE CREEK	10,184	6,523	5,219	4,499	4,430	43	4/30/2014	elev.=6689.9
NEVADA CREEK	11,207	10,011	7,369	6,521	10,402	93	4/29/2014	elev.=4613.74
NILAN	10,992	7,124	6,410	6,391	7,920	72	4/29/2014	elev.=4436.12 (7,020 AF)
N.F.K. SMITH RIVER	11,406	8,746	8,604	8,148	10,732	94	4/30/2014	elev.=5486.11
RUBY RIVER	37,612	36,128	36,131	34,501	37,612	100	4/30/2014	spilling
TONGUE RIVER	79,071	51,522	58,316	60,558	45,515	58	4/30/2014	elev.=3417.7
W.F. BITTERROOT	32,362	19,972	23,000	14,125	29,937	93	4/29/2014	elev.=4721.5
WILLOW CREEK	18,000	17,271	14,813	16,183	14,033	78	4/22/2014	elev.=4731.0
YELLOWWATER	3,842	1,356	1,681	3,496	3,431	89	5/1/2014	elev.=3117.5

\* Note: Reservoir contents include dead storage at the following:

Ackley	1001 AF	**	** O&M slope storage table does not include dead storage (so dead storage has to be added into the storage from the table)
Cooney	90 AF	**	Tongue River 711 AF (O&M storage table includes dead storage)
Deadman's	3750 AF	**	W. F. Bitterroot 656 AF (O&M storage table includes dead storage)
Nilan	900 AF	**	Willow Creek 269 AF (O&M storage table includes dead storage)

\* Note: Cooney capacity reflects capacity after 1982 dam rehabilitation; prior capacity was 24,195 A.F.. Average storage shown is for post rehabilitation data.

\* Note: Middle Creek capacity reflects capacity after 1993 dam rehabilitation; prior capacity was 8,027 A.F.. Average storage shown is for post rehabilitation data.

\* Note: Nevada Creek Reservoir Capacity reflects live storage capacity survey conducted in year 2000. Prior live storage capacity documented as 12,723 AF.

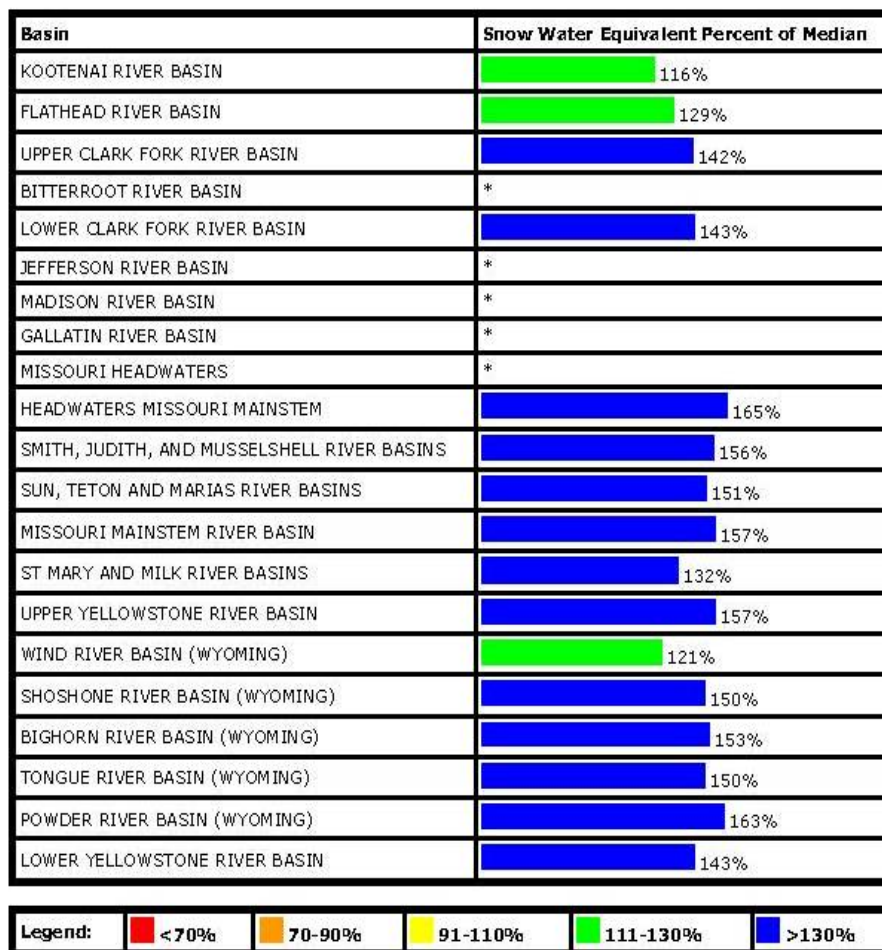
\* Note: Tongue River capacity reflects capacity after 1999 dam rehabilitation; prior capacity was 68,040 A.F.. Average storage is post rehabilitation data.

\* Note: Frenchman Reservoir capacity tables updated based on aerial survey; prior capacity was 3752 A.F. Average shown is pre aerial survey



## MONTANA SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent Update Graph

As of **WEDNESDAY: APRIL 16 , 2014**

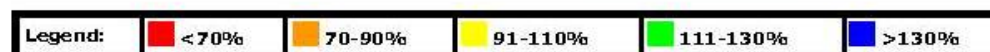
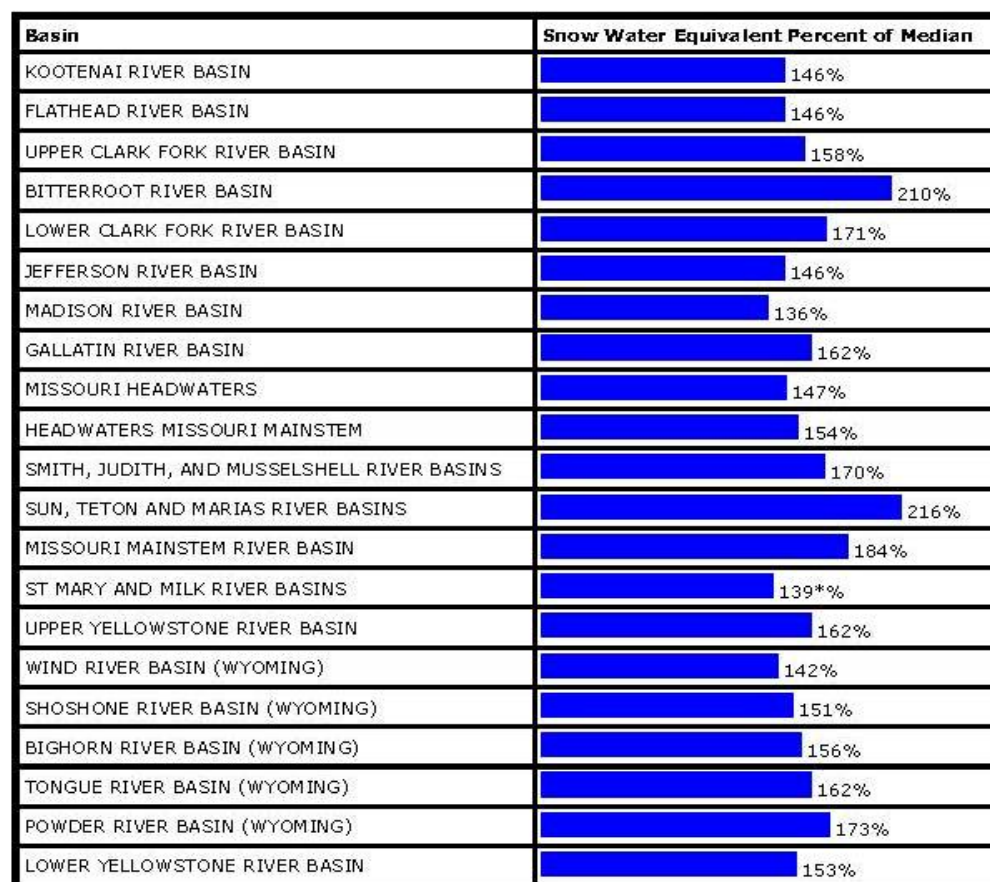


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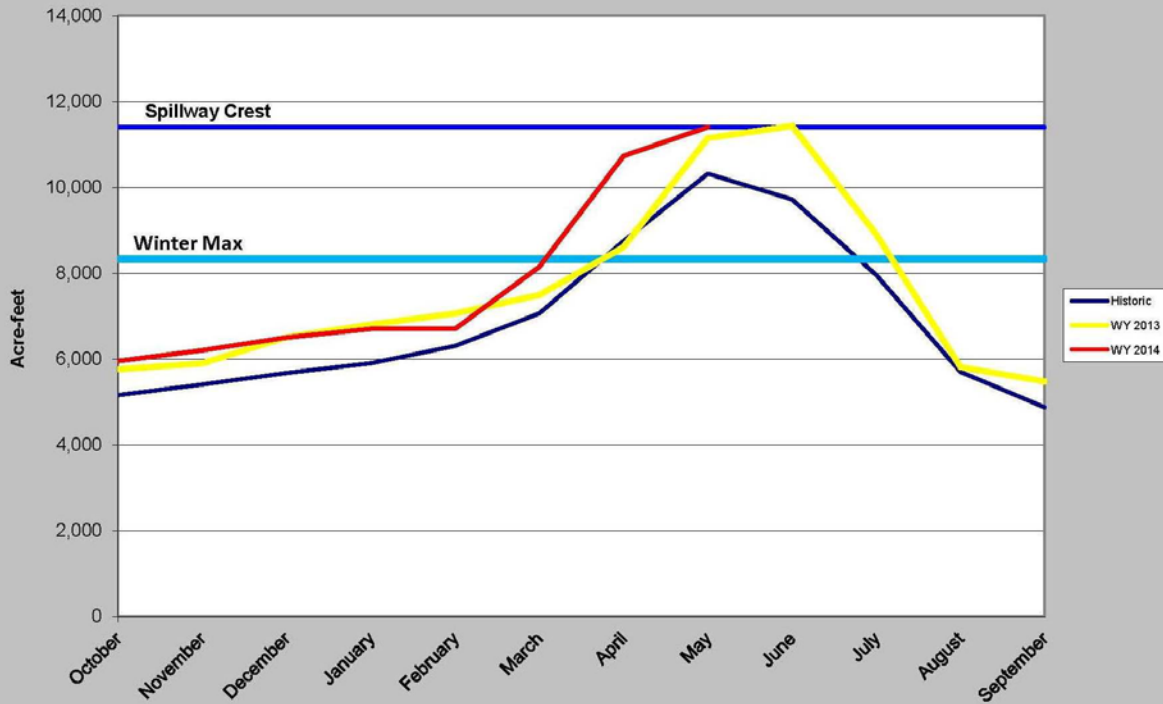


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# North Fork Smith River

(Historic, WY 2013, and WY 2014)



- 100% Capacity
- 11,406 Acre-Feet
- Reservoir is spilling
- Water Supply is favorable



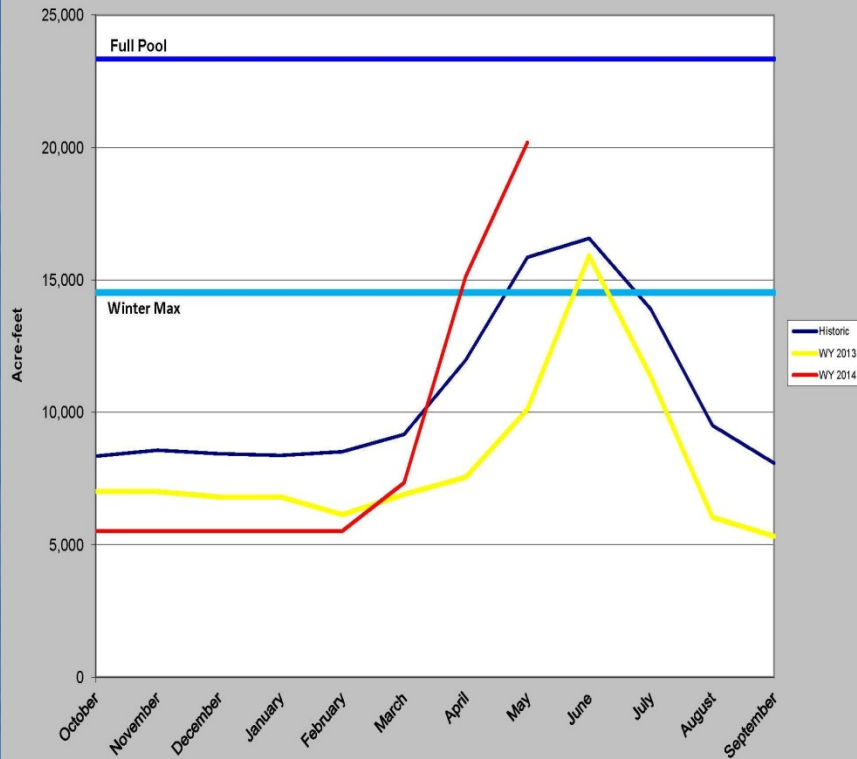
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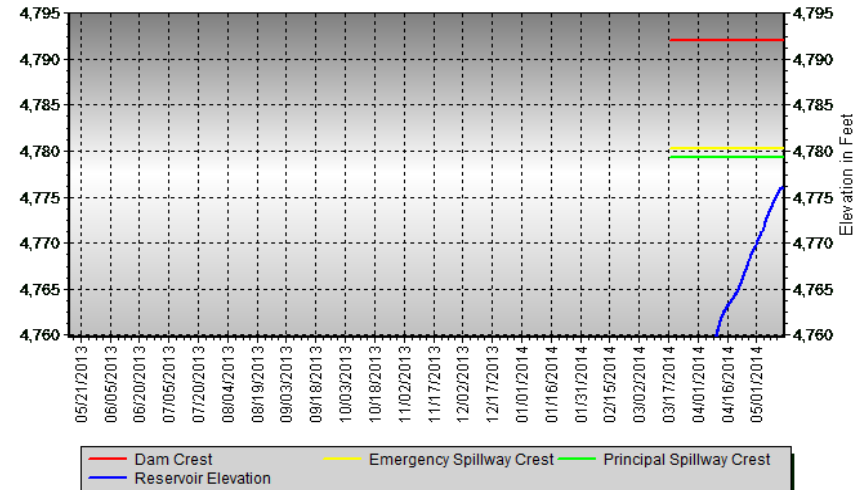


# Martinsdale Reservoir

(Historic, WY 2013, and WY 2014)



## MARTINSDALE DAM RESERVOIR ELEVATION — 365 DAYS



TIME OF LAST READING 5/15/2014 5:00:00 AM

RESERVOIR ELEVATION 4,775.9 FT

RESERVOIR VOLUME 20,204 AF

\*NOTE: RESERVOIR ELEVATIONS BELOW 4759.78 FT ARE NOT VALID DUE TO INSTRUMENTATION LIMITATIONS.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

DAM CREST 4792.0 38,958

EMERGENCY SPILLWAY CREST 4780.25 24,350

PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY CREST 4779.25 23,348

TRANSDUCER CASE DEPTH 4759.78 8,444

\*\*\* PROVISIONAL DATA SUBJECT TO REVISION \*\*\*



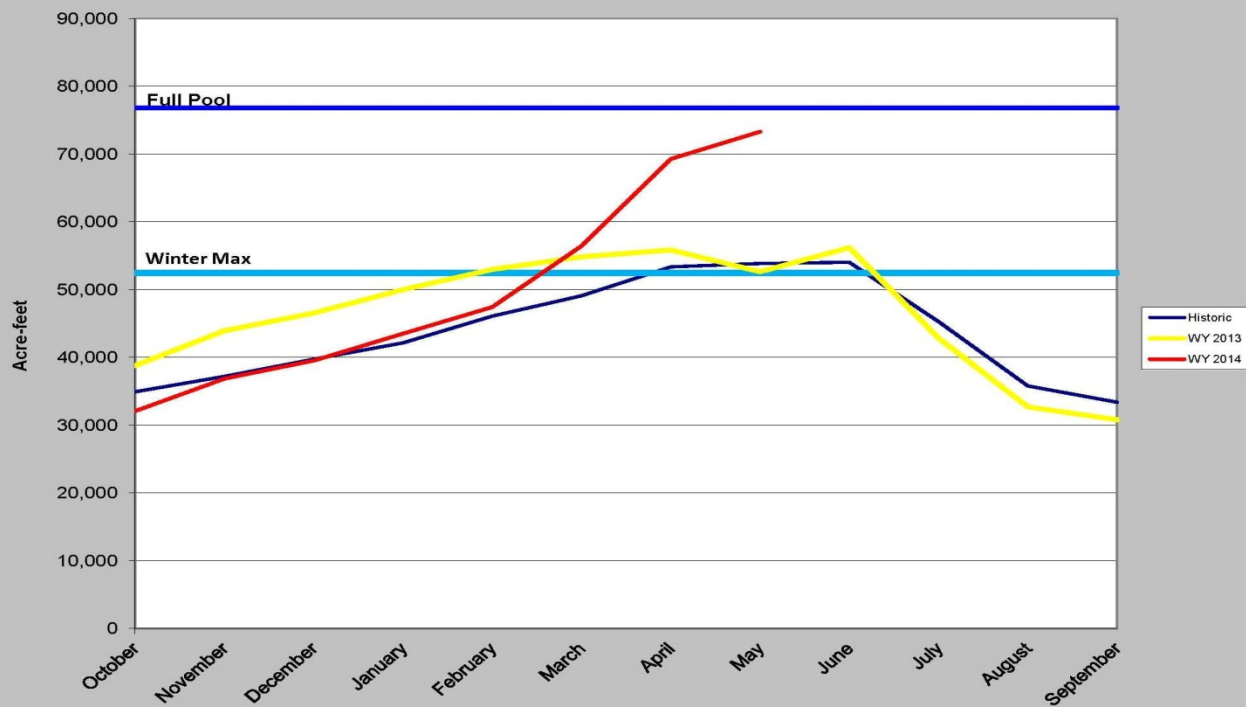
- 86% Capacity
- 20,186 Acre-Feet
- Elev.=4,775.9
- Inflows=0 cfs
- Outflows=0 cfs
- Water Supply is favorable

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# Deadman's Basin

(Historic, WY 2013, and WY 2014)



- 97% Capacity
- 73,311 Acre-Feet
- Elev.=3919.7
- Inflow~130 cfs
- Water Supply is favorable

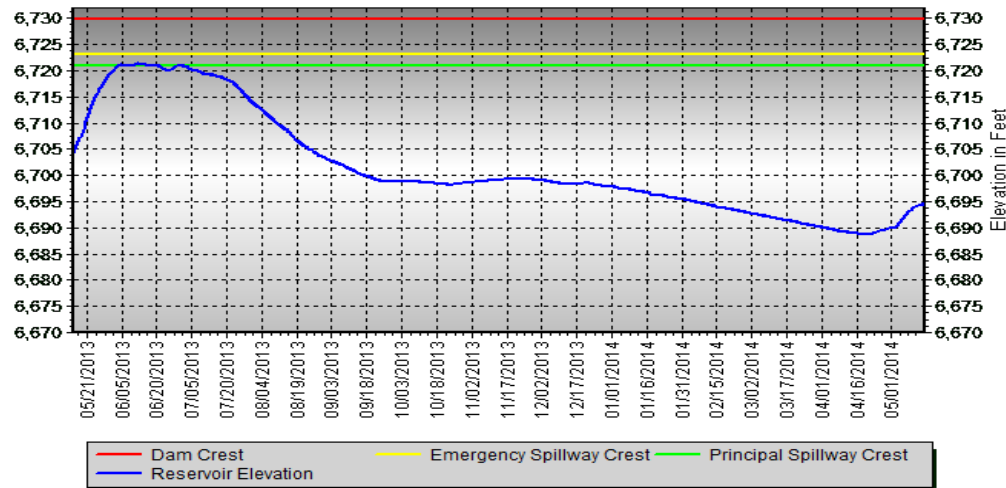




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# MIDDLE CREEK DAM RESERVOIR ELEVATION — 365 DAYS



TIME OF LAST READING	5/15/2014 5:00:00 AM
RESERVOIR ELEVATION	6,694.3 FT
RESERVOIR VOLUME	5,066 AF
MIDDLE CREEK BELOW DAM	<b>**ICE**</b>
TIME OF LAST READING	5/15/2014 5:45:00 AM

REFERENCE INFORMATION	FT (MSL)	AC-FT
DAM CREST	6730.0	12,790
EMERGENCY SPILLWAY CREST	6723.0	10,707
PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY CREST	6721.0	10,184
LOWEST USABLE ELEVATION	6637.0	0

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- 50% Capacity
- Outflows~ 15 cfs
- 5,074 Acre-Feet
- Elev.=6694.3
- Water Supply is favorable



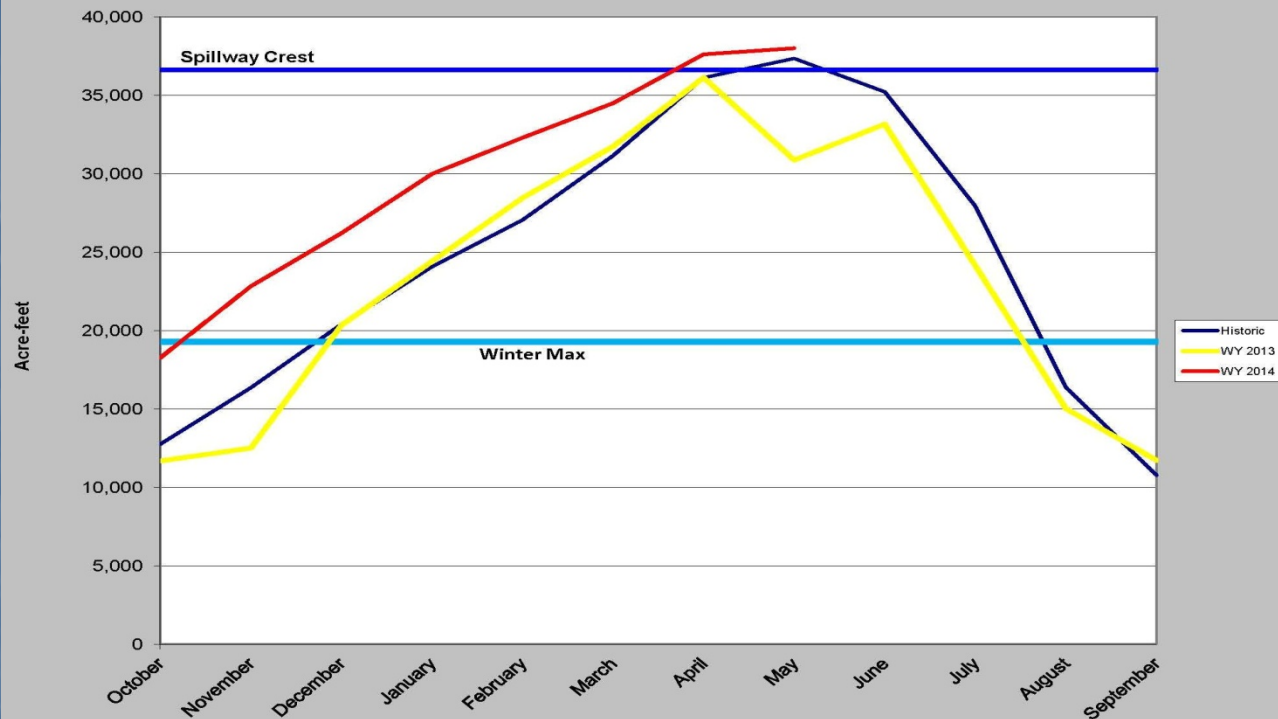
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# Ruby Reservoir

(Historic, WY 2013, and WY 2014)



- 100% Capacity
- 38,006 Acre-Feet
- Elev.=5393.36
- Inflows=183 cfs
- Outflows=250 cfs
- Water Supply is favorable

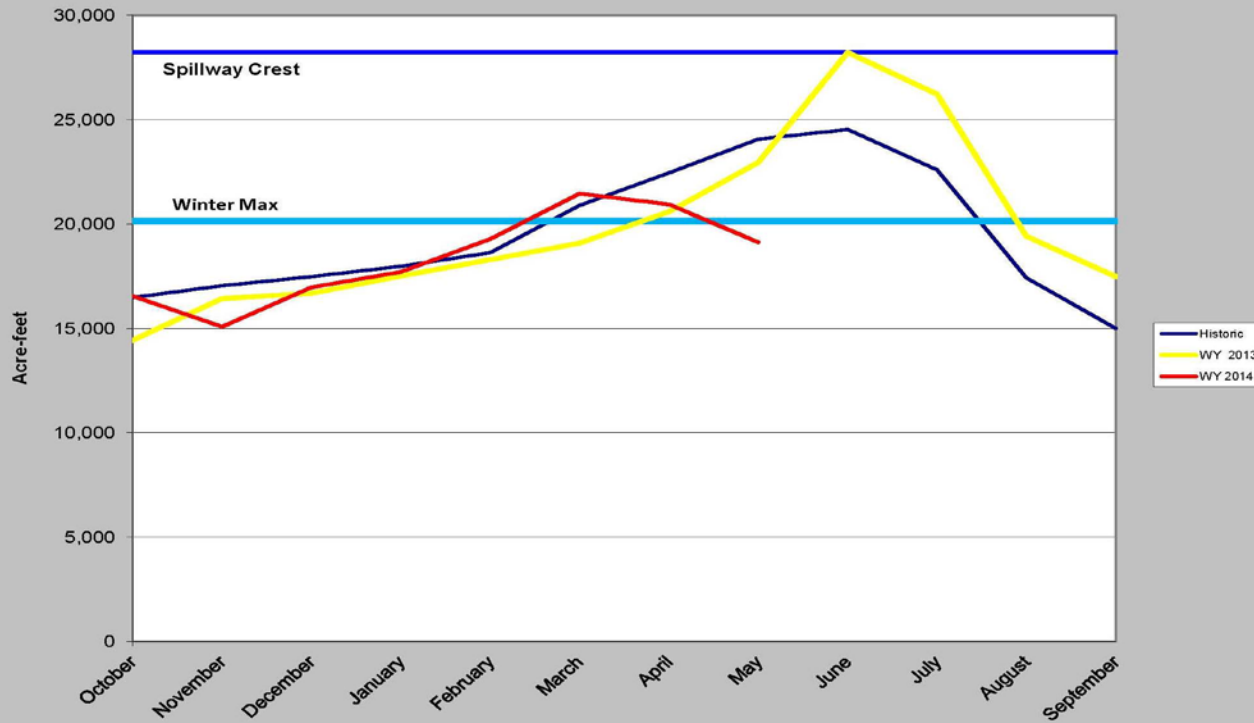


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# Cooney Reservoir

(Historic, WY 2013, and WY 2014)



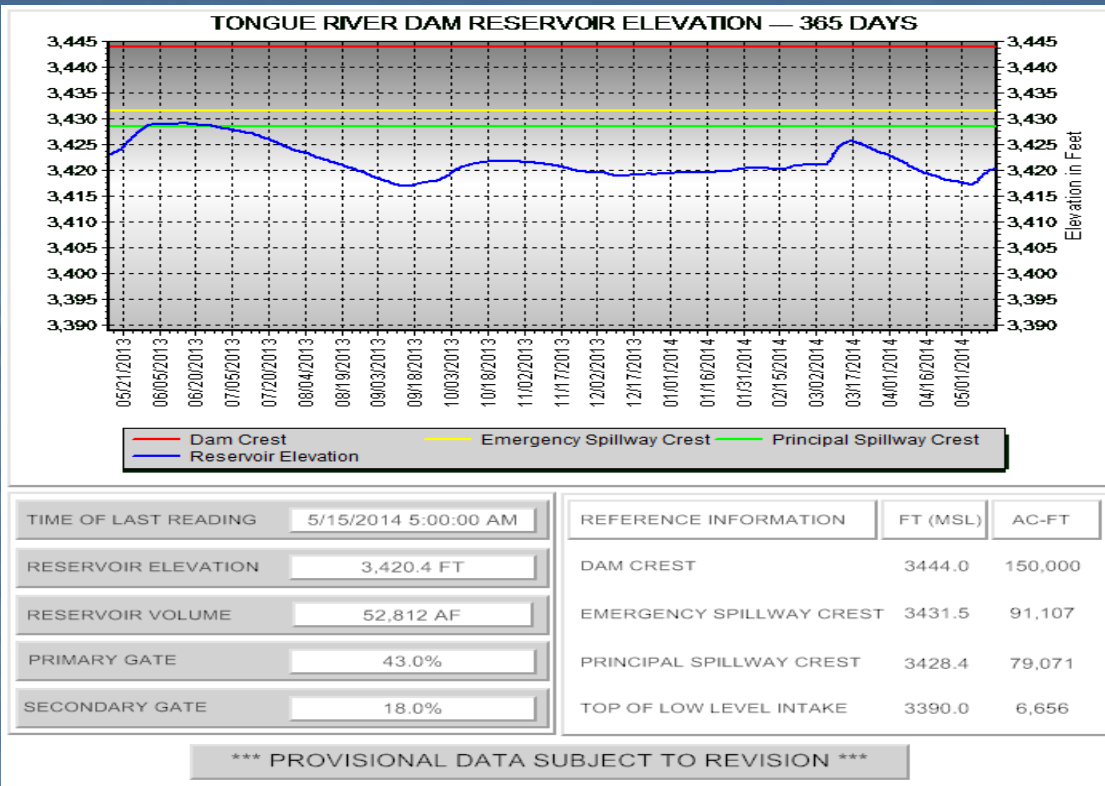
- 68% Capacity
- 19,130 Acre-Feet
- Elev.=4239.5
- Inflows= 278 cfs
- Outflows=428 cfs
- Water Supply is favorable





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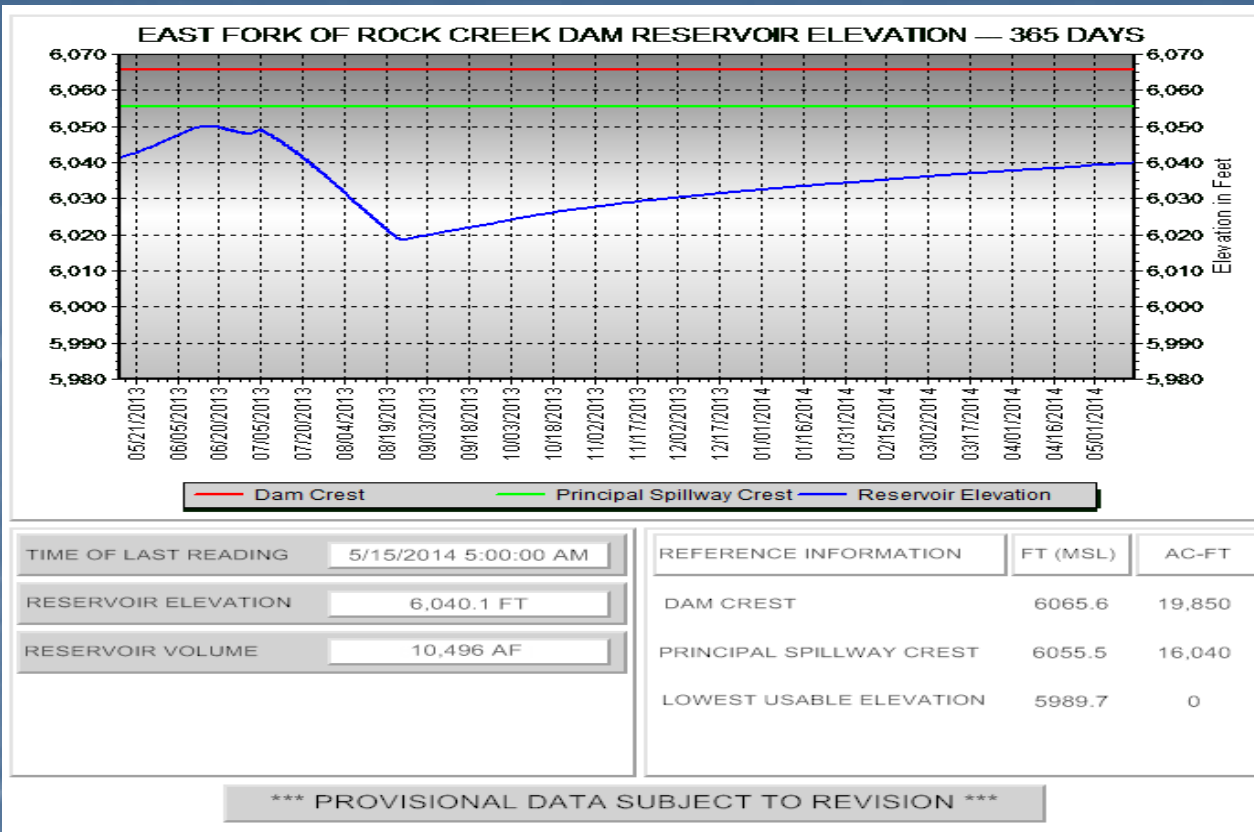
- 66% Capacity
- 52,417 Acre-Feet
- Elev.=3420.3
- Inflows=806 cfs
- Outflows=695 cfs
- Water Supply is favorable



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- 65% Capacity
- 10,448 Acre-Feet
- Elev. = 6039.9
- Water Supply is favorable

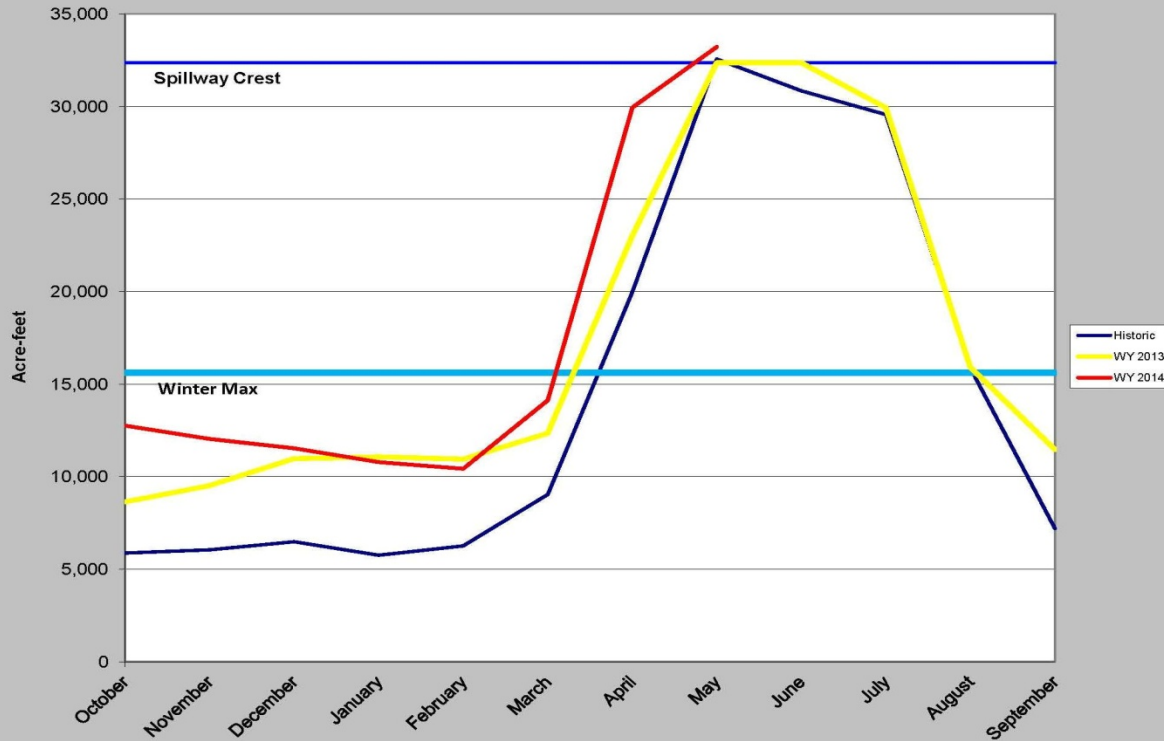


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# Painted Rocks Reservoir

(Historic, WY 2013, and WY 2014)



- 100% Capacity
- 33,200 Acre-Feet
- Elev. = 4726.17
- Reservoir is spilling
- Inflows/Outflows = 1,050 cfs
- Water Supply is favorable





# Summary

- Snowpack for SWP reservoirs above average to well above average
- Off-stream reservoirs actively storing runoff
- Water Supply is favorable for DNRC SWP reservoirs and water users should expect full contracted deliveries through WY 2014
- Four (4) DNRC SWP reservoirs currently spilling
- Water Users Associations in conjunction with DNRC SWP have increased discharges at select reservoirs to draft storage levels.
- DNRC SWP reservoirs are not operated as Flood Control Facilities but drafting select reservoirs can potentially mitigate downstream effects.

# Broadwater Spillway Rubber Gate Replacement Toston Dam



- Bay 6 Gate Failure- September 2012
- 2012-2013 Engineering Design
- 2013-2014 Procurement of Gates/Bulkheads
- 2014 Construction/Installation Bulkheads/Needle beams and Rubber Gates
- Project Cost ~ \$2.5 M

# Montana Drought and Water Supply Status by County

Change from April to May 2014 – Assessed 5/7/2014

(All changes one category)

## Wetter

Glacier

Pondera

Toole

Daniels

Sheridan

Roosevelt

## Drier

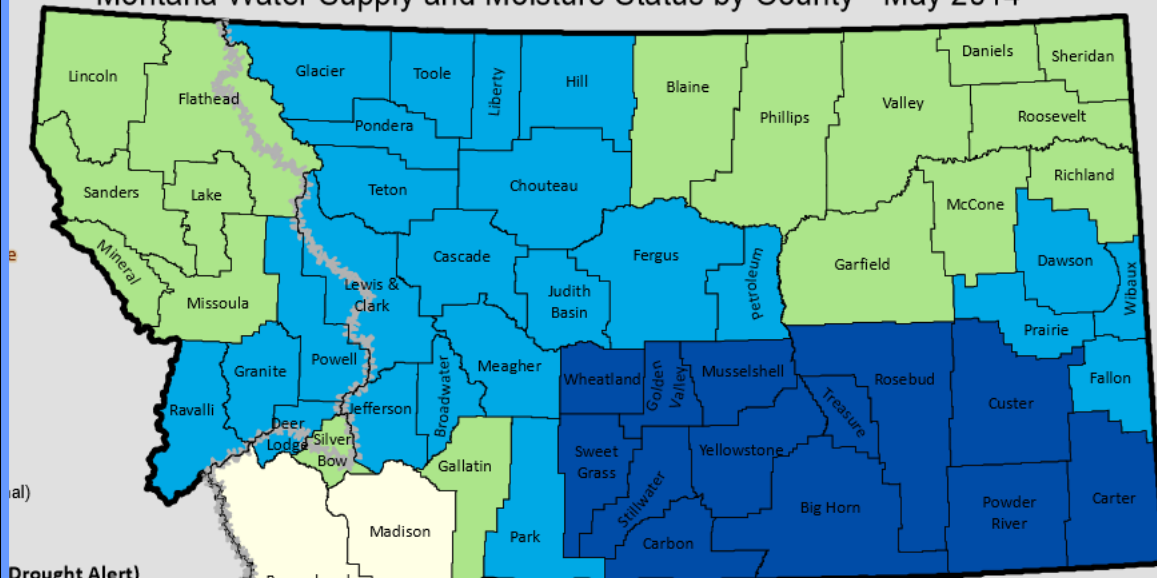
Garfield



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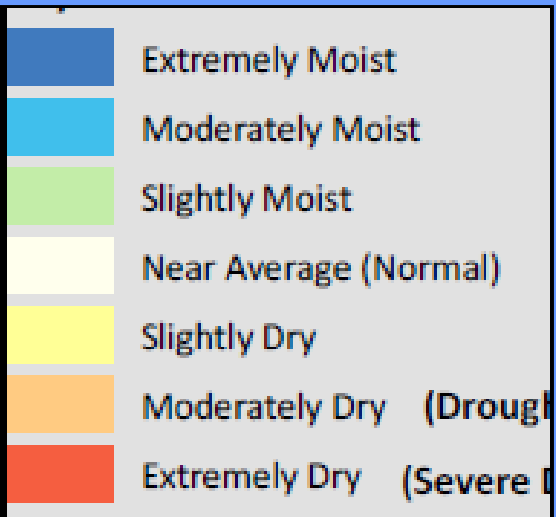


Montana Water Supply and Moisture Status by County - May 2014



Drought Alert)  
Severe Drought)

Range conditions According to the National Weather Service water year (October 1



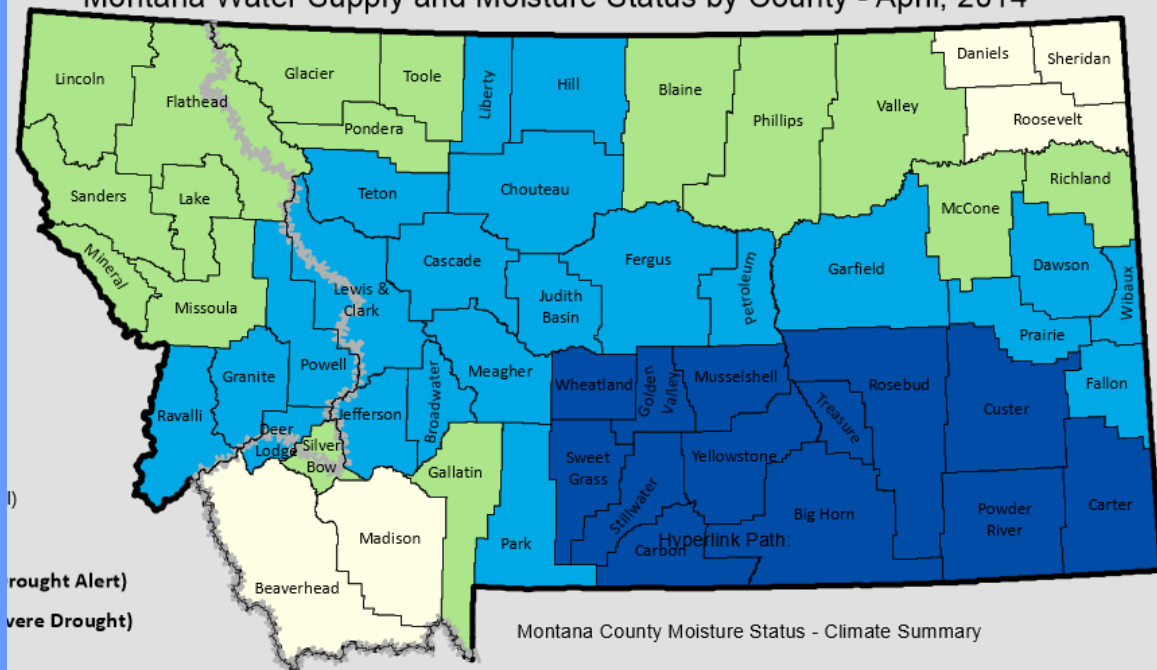
# Montana Drought Status

## May 2014

### vs.

## April 2014

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Montana County Moisture Status - Climate Summary



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# Montana Drought & Water Supply Advisory Committee

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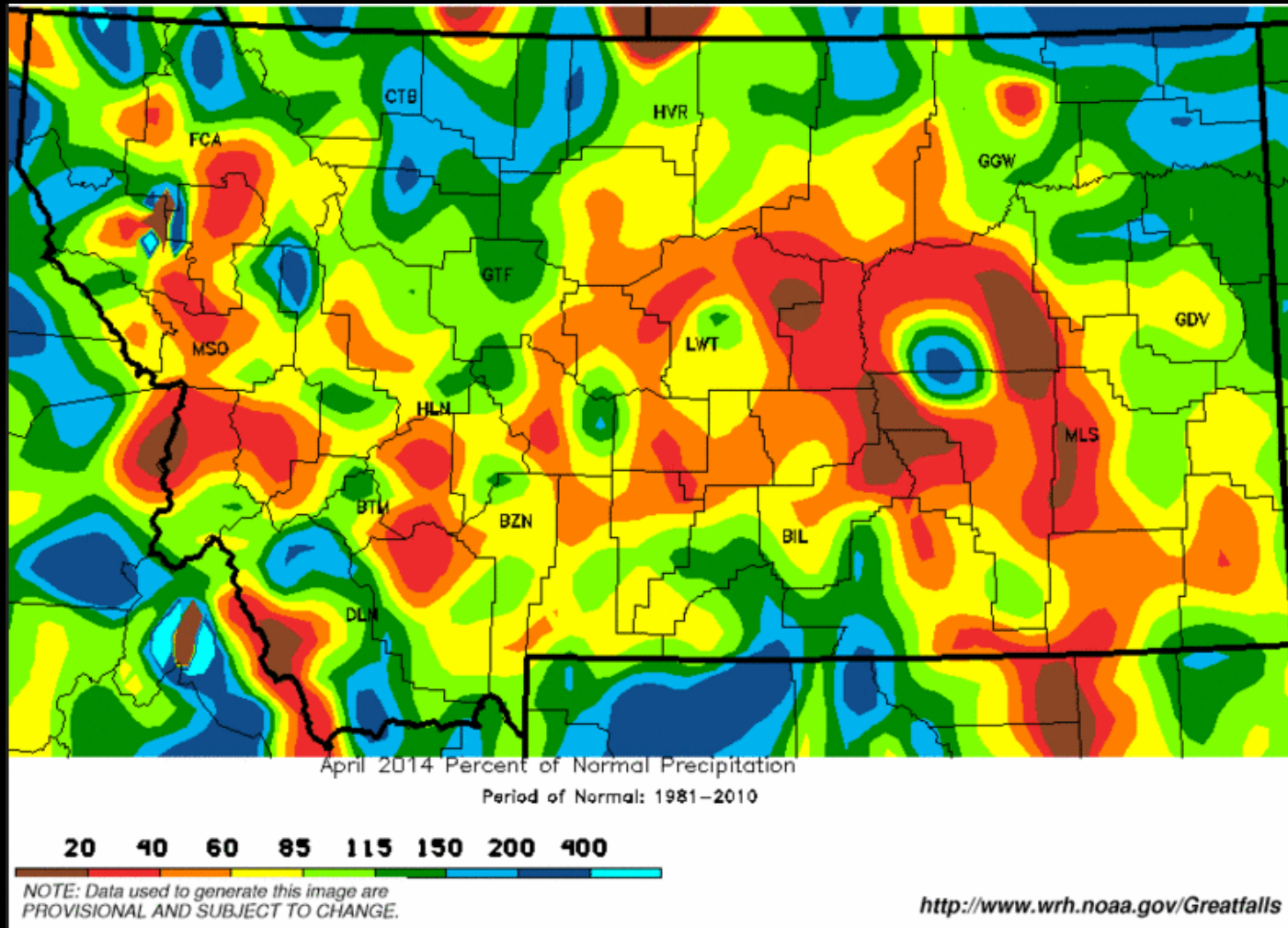
*Gina Loss – Service Hydrologist*



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# Percent of Normal Precipitation

## *April 2014*



- ♦ Widespread areas below to well below normal west and east of the Continental Divide
- ♦ Smaller areas above to well above normal
  - Mainly hi-line and south-central



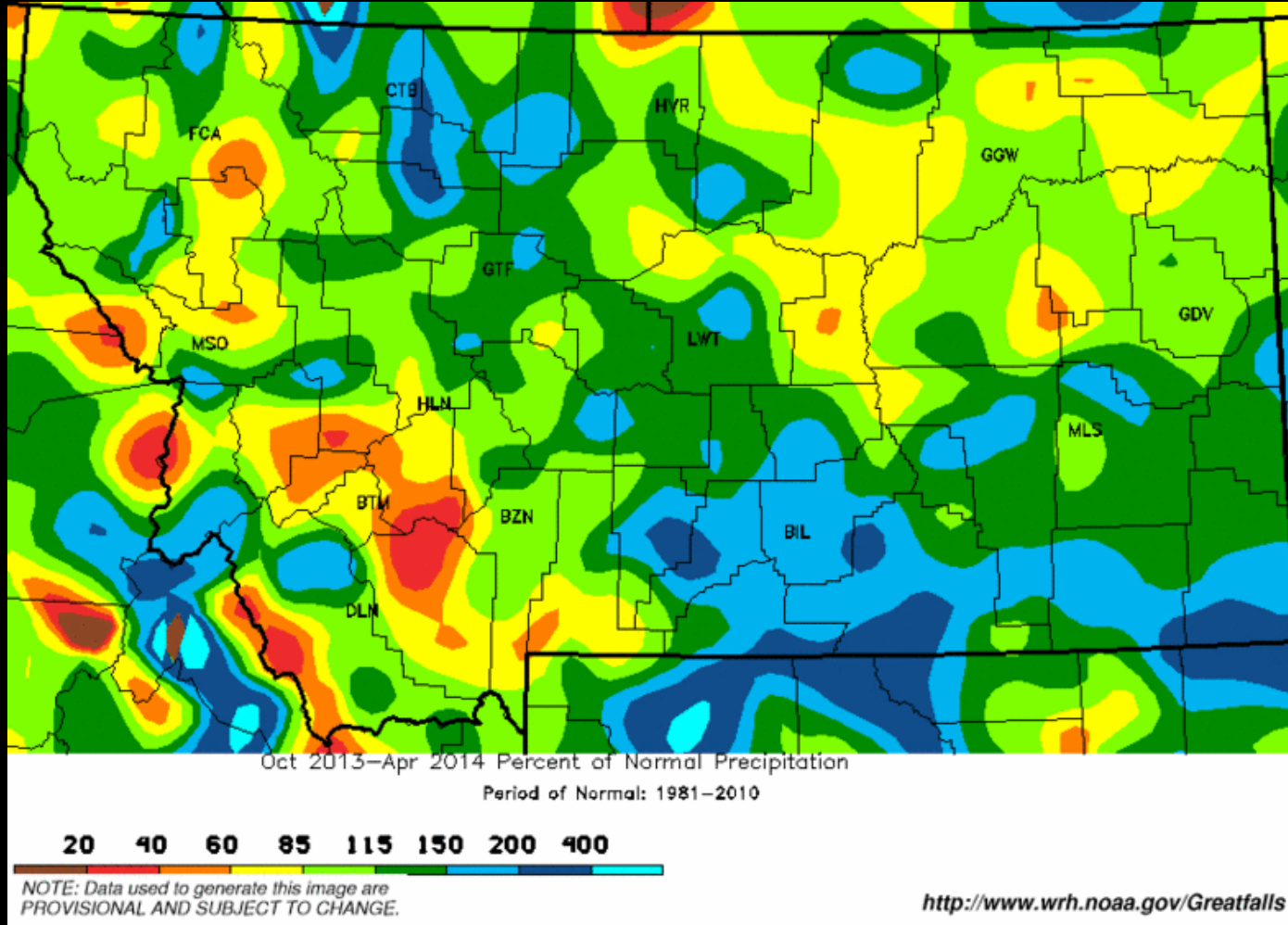
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# Percent of Normal Precipitation

## Water Year 2014

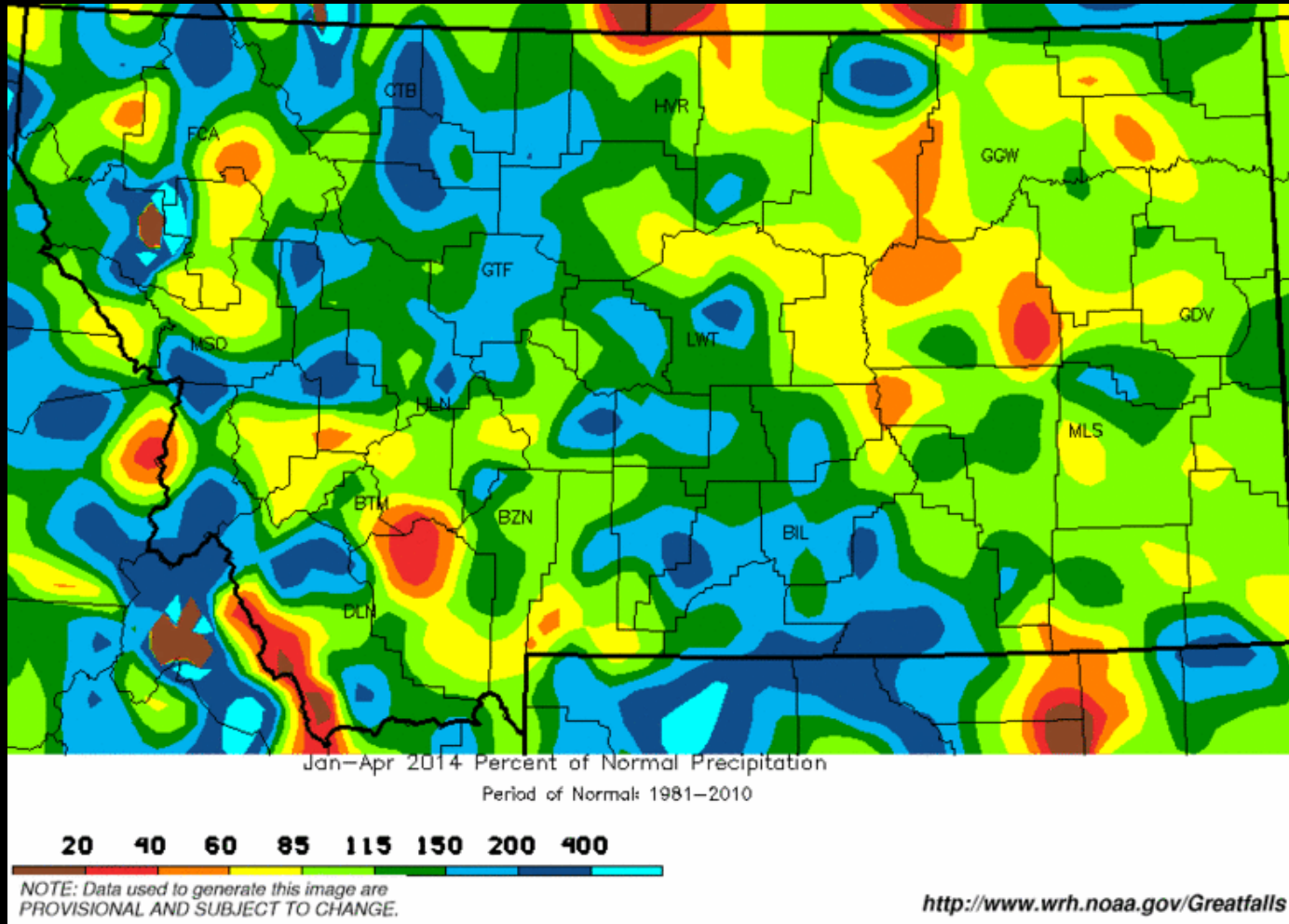
- October - April
- Below to well below normal portions of west, southwest, north-central and northeast
- Above to well above normal along RMF into south-central and southeast



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# Percent of Normal Precipitation

## *Calendar Year*



- ♦ January - April
- ♦ Below to well below normal southwest and northeast
- ♦ Above to well above normal west, north-central, central, south-central and southeast

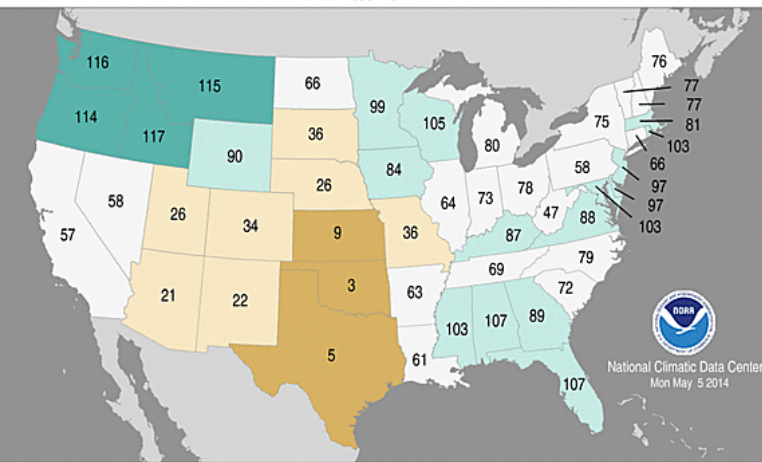


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## Statewide Precipitation Ranks

February–April 2014

Period: 1895–2014

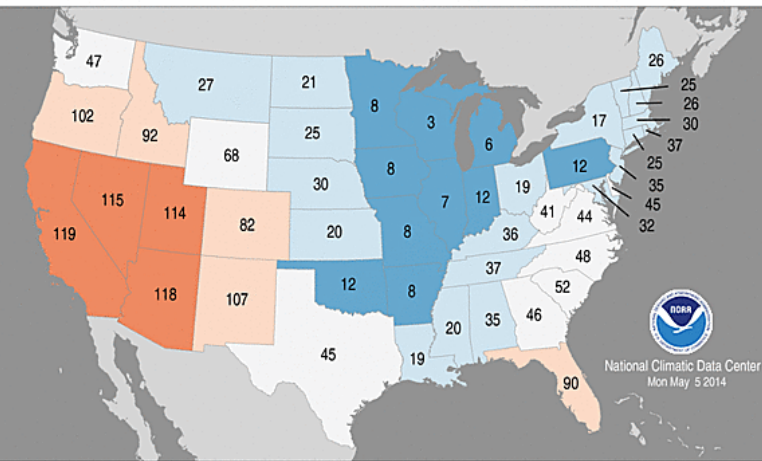


Record Driest (1) Much Below Average Below Average Near Average Above Average Much Above Average Record Wettest (120)

## Statewide Temperature Ranks

February–April 2014

Period: 1895–2014



Record Coldest (1) Much Below Average Below Average Near Average Above Average Much Above Average Record Warmest (120)

# Temperature/Precipitation Rankings

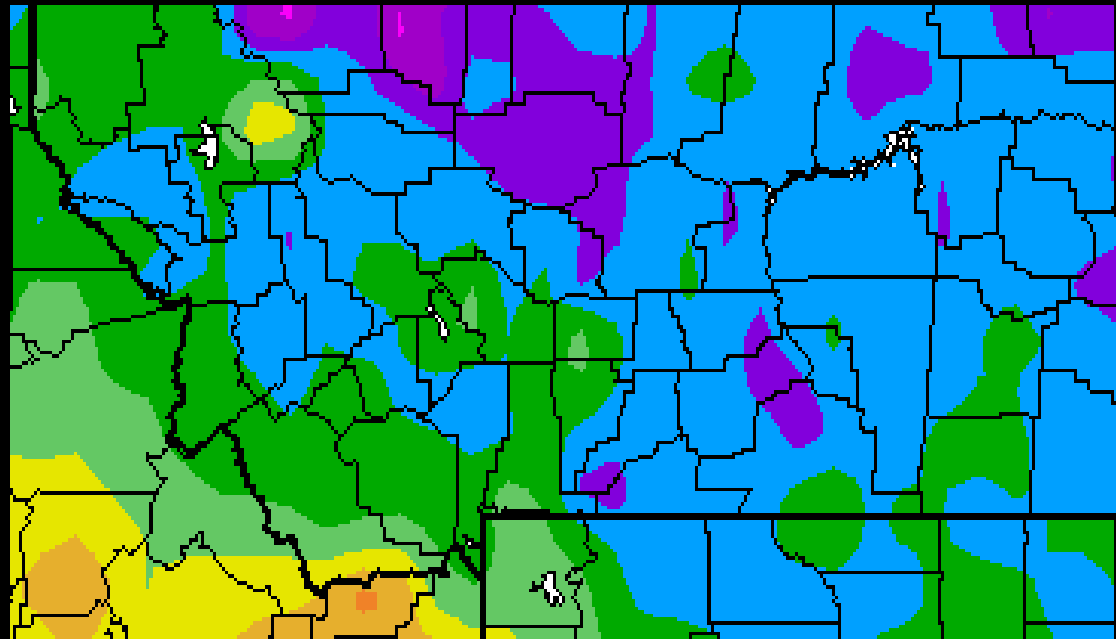
*February - April*

6<sup>th</sup> wettest, 27<sup>th</sup> coldest

## Temperatures

2 to 6 degrees below normal west - southwest

4 to 8 degrees below normal central - east



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# Temperature Anomalies

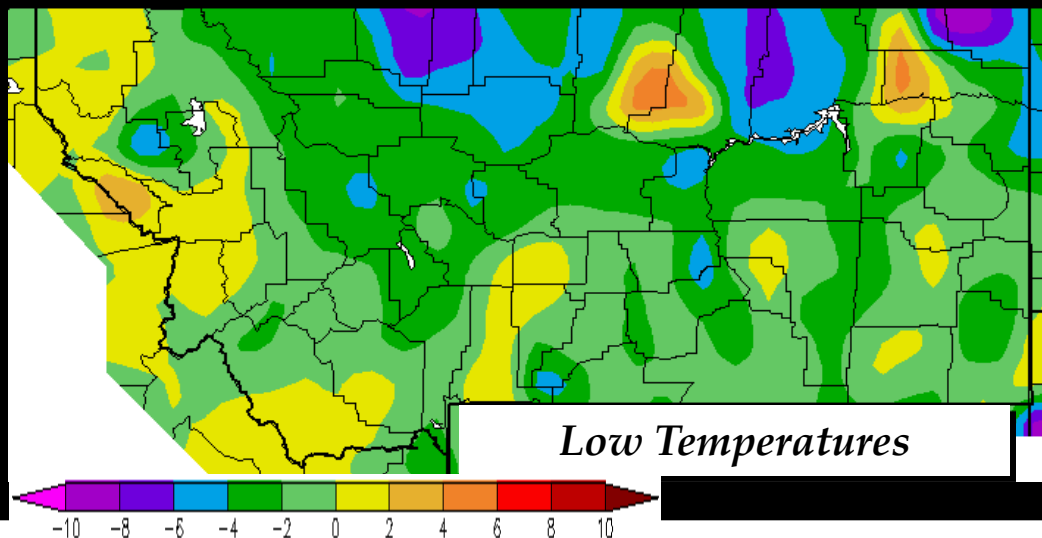
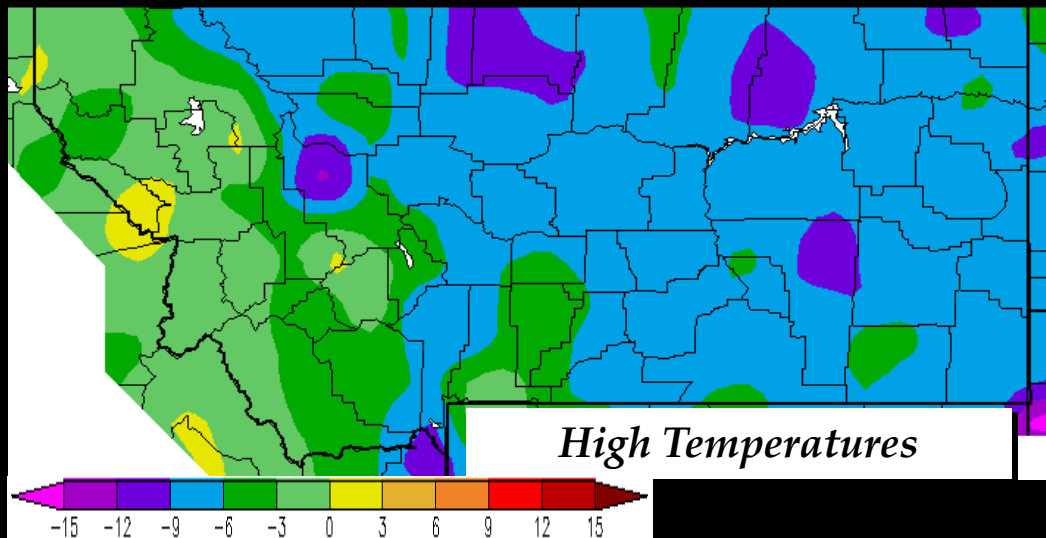
*May 1–12*

## Highs

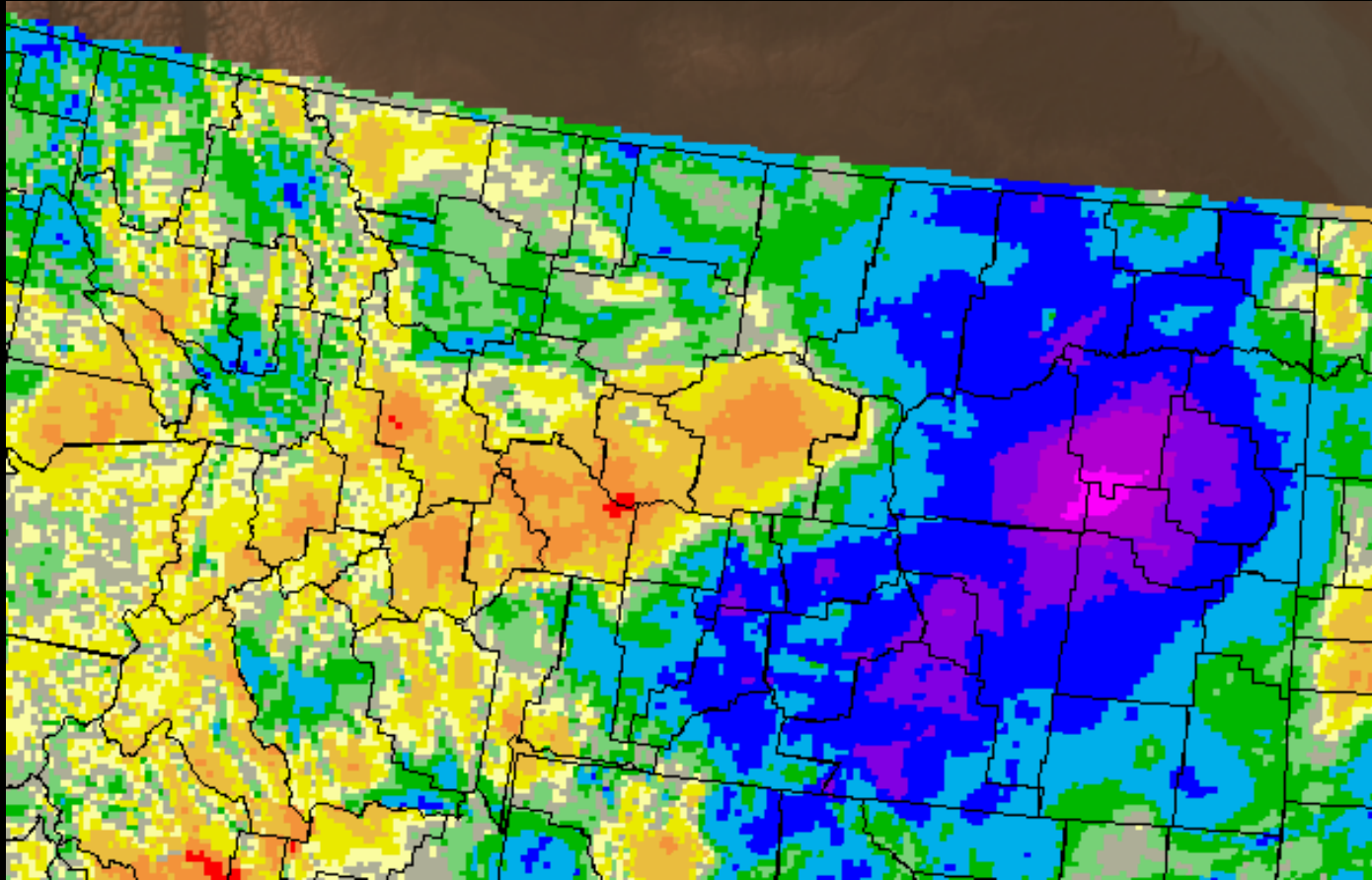
- Near to 6 degrees below normal west and southwest
- 6 to 12 degrees below normal central and east

## Lows

- Near normal west, southwest, south-central, southeast
- 2 to 8 degrees below normal north-central and northeast



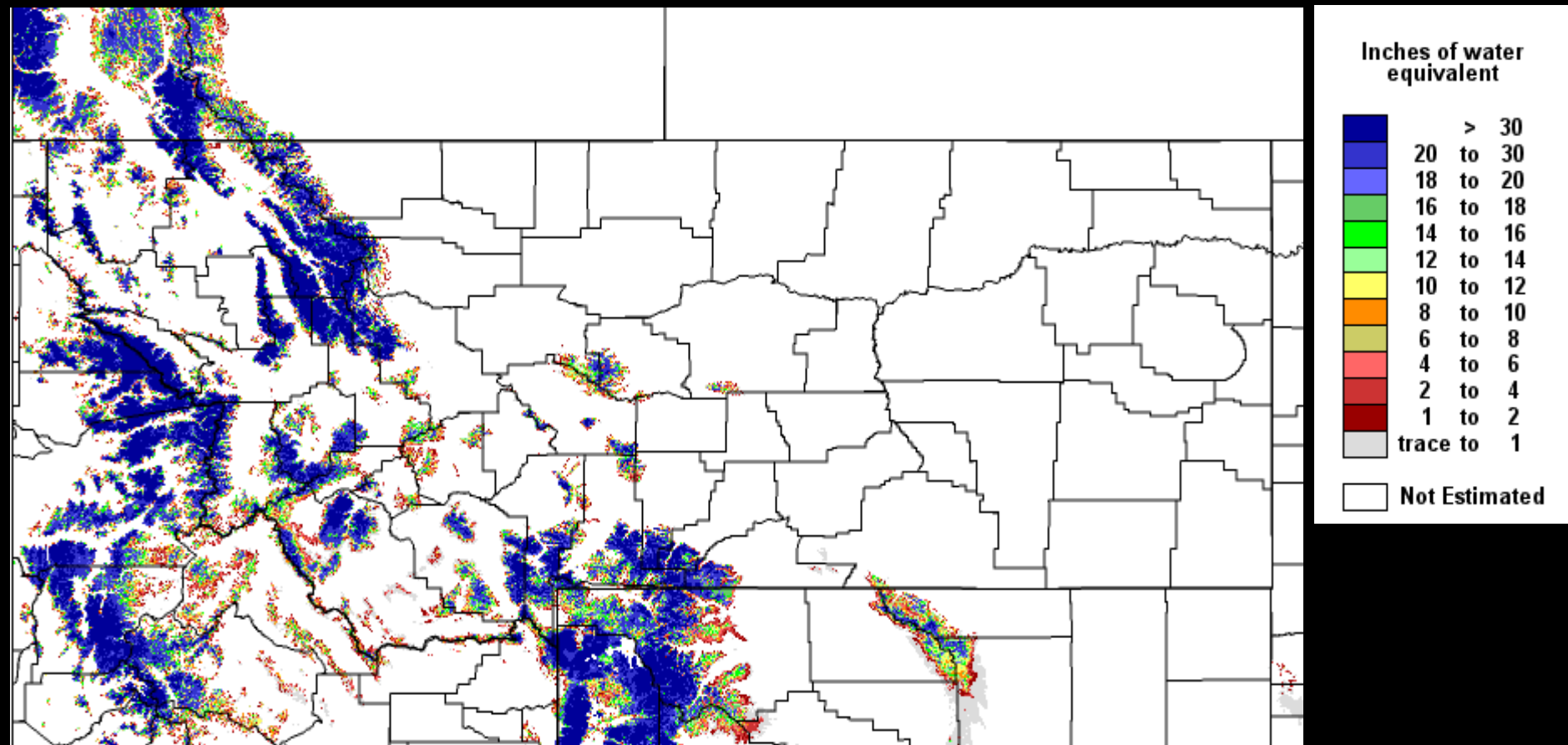
# Percent of Average Precipitation *May 1–13*



- Below to well below normal large areas of western half
- Above to well above normal eastern half

# NOHRSC Modeled Snow Water Equivalent

*May 15, 2014*



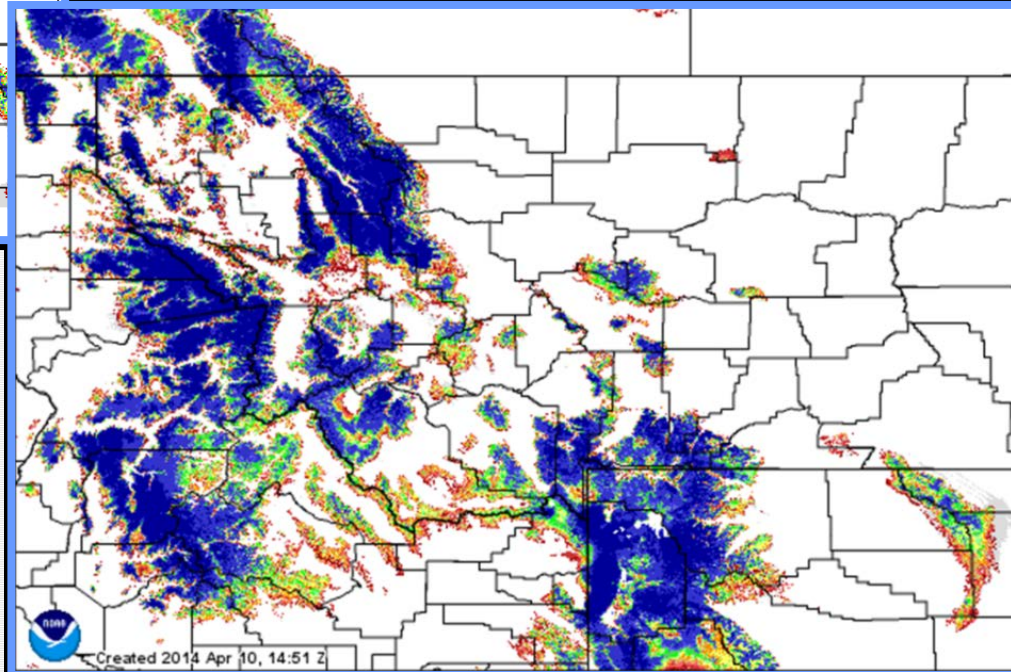
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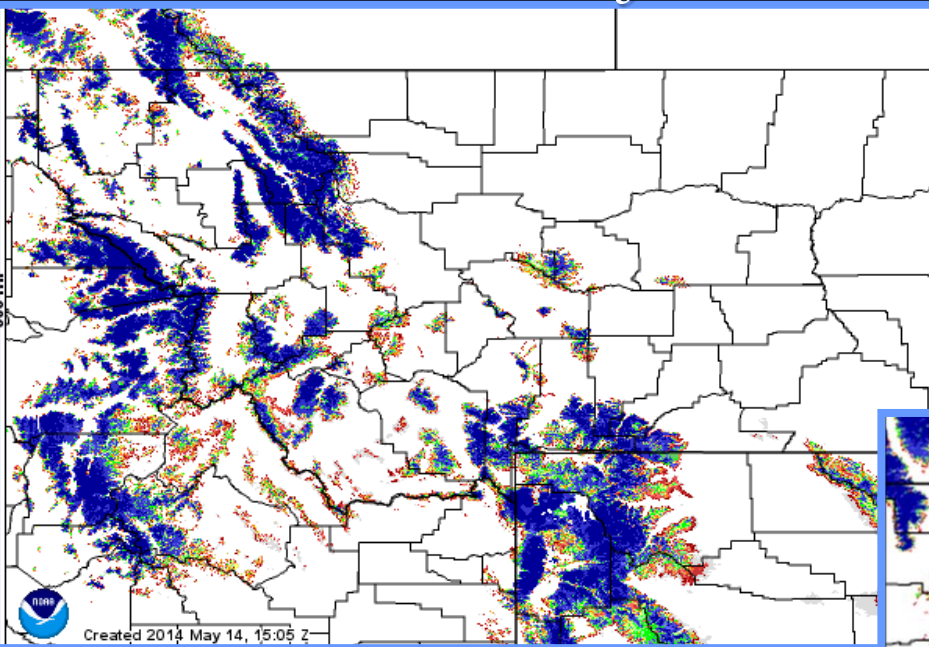
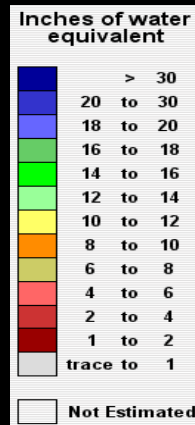
# NOHRSC Modeled Snow Water Equivalent

*May 14, 2014 vs April 10, 2014*

*April 10, 2014*



*May 15, 2014*

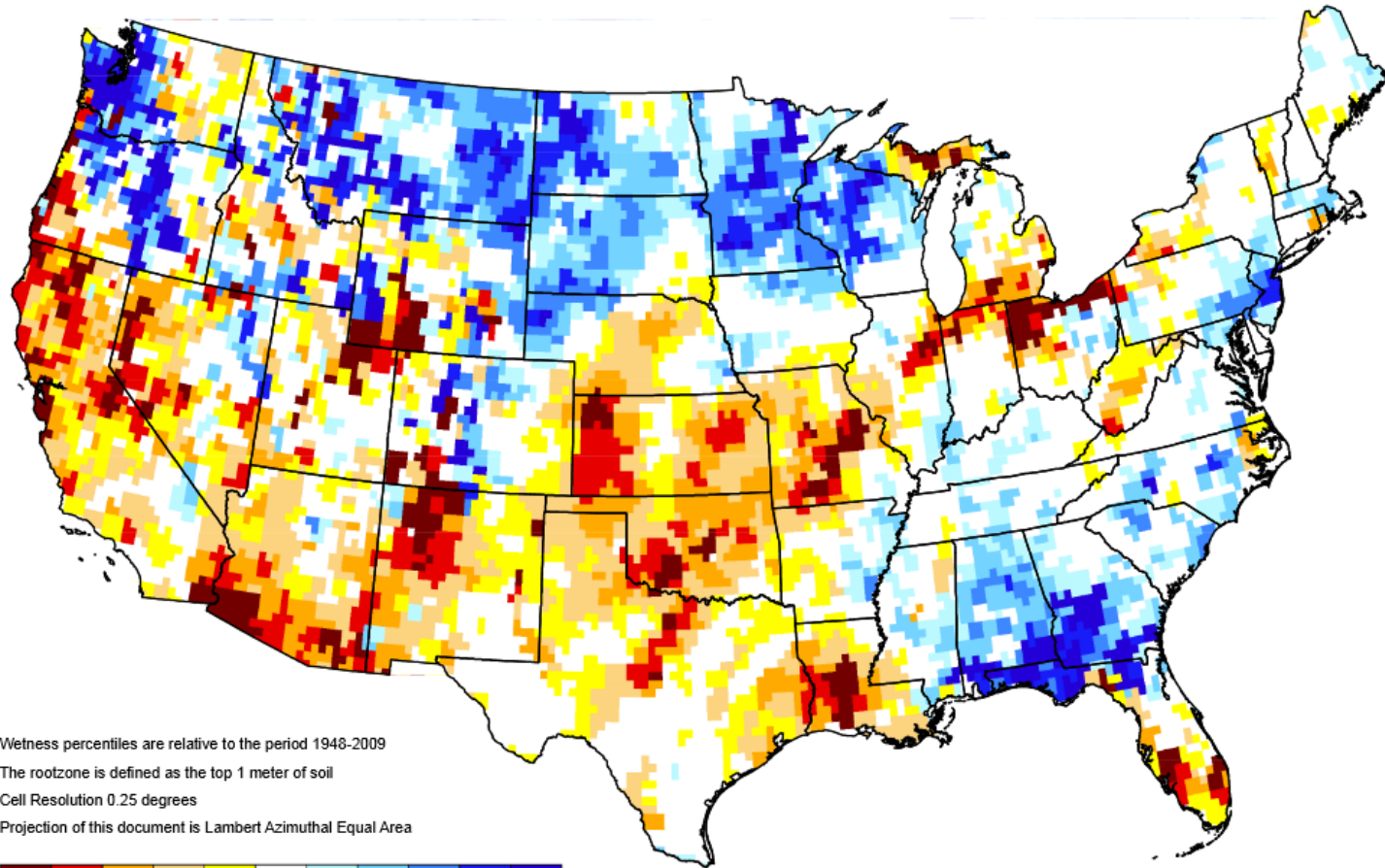


# Soil Moisture – Upper 1 Meter



## GRACE-Based Root Zone Soil Moisture Drought Indicator

May 12, 2014



Wetness percentiles are relative to the period 1948-2009

The rootzone is defined as the top 1 meter of soil

Cell Resolution 0.25 degrees

Projection of this document is Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area

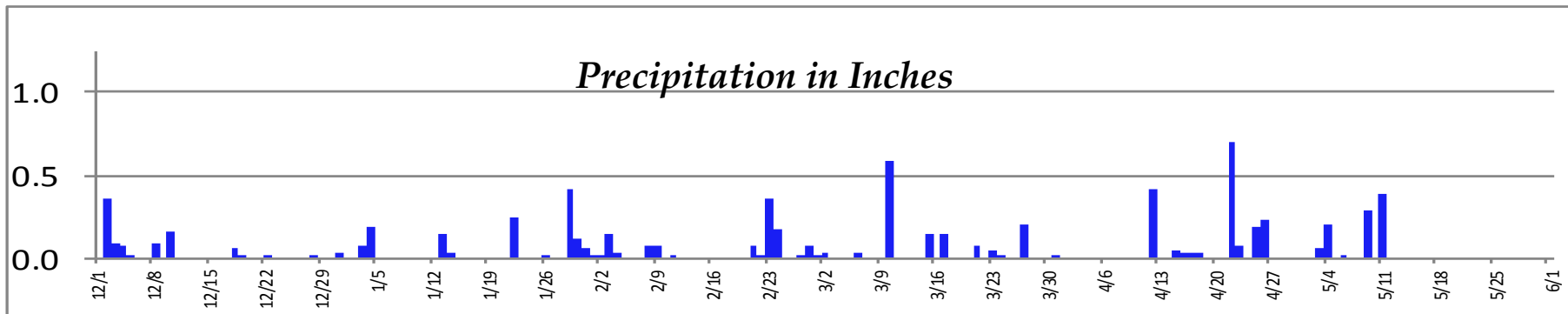
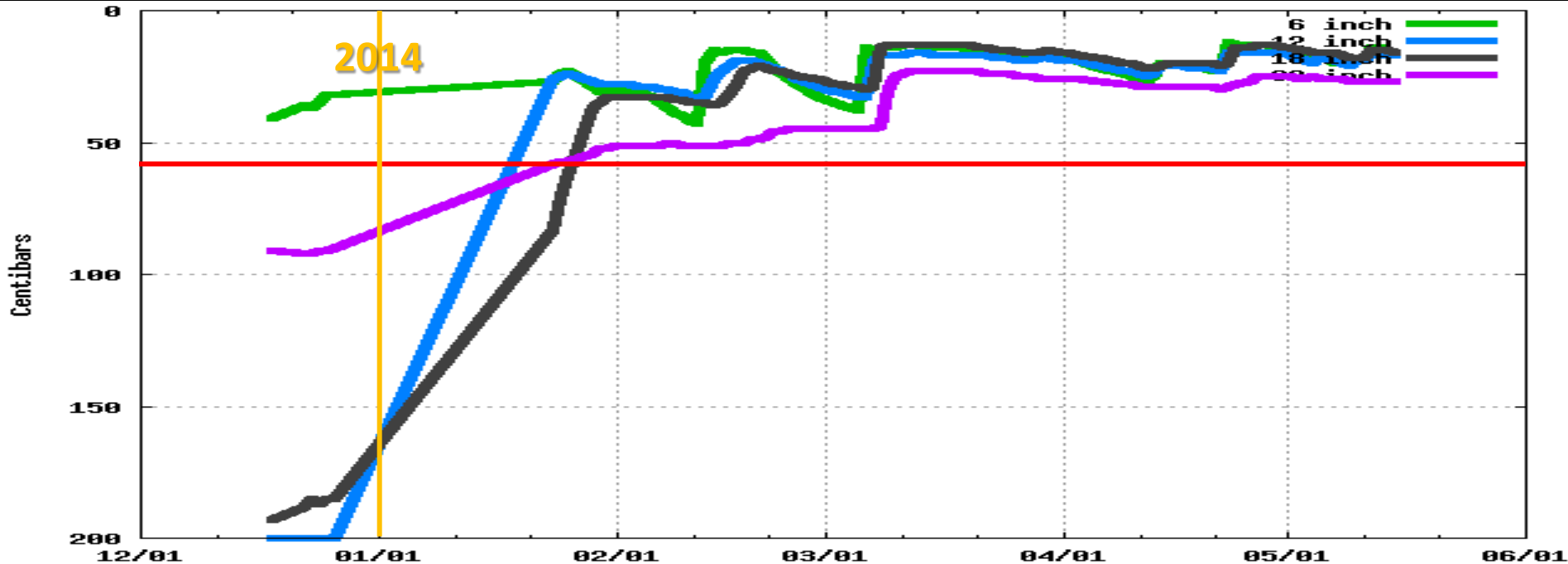


<http://drought.unl.edu/MonitoringTools/NASAGRACEDataAssimilation.aspx>



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# Great Falls Soil Moisture



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# National Drought Monitor

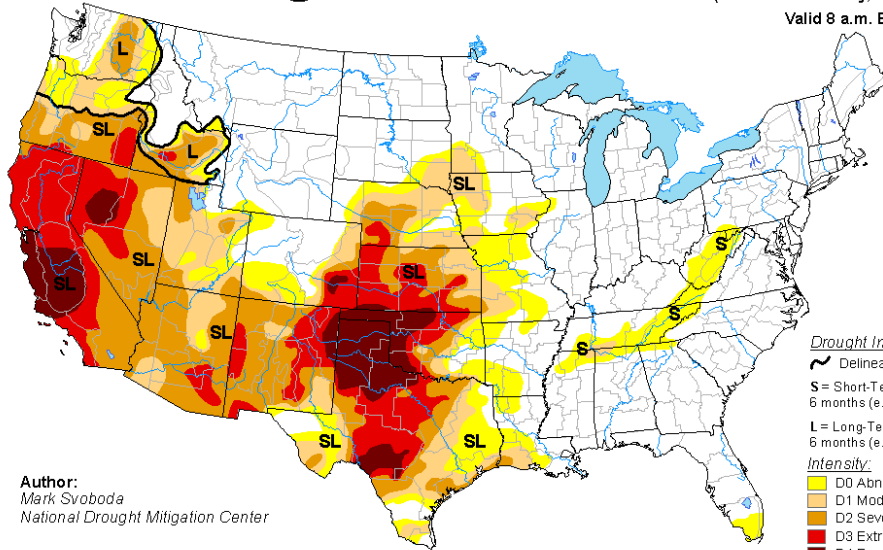
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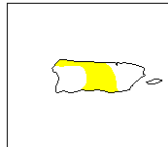
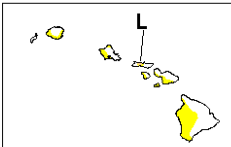
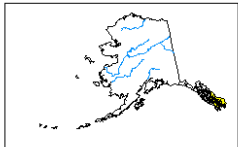
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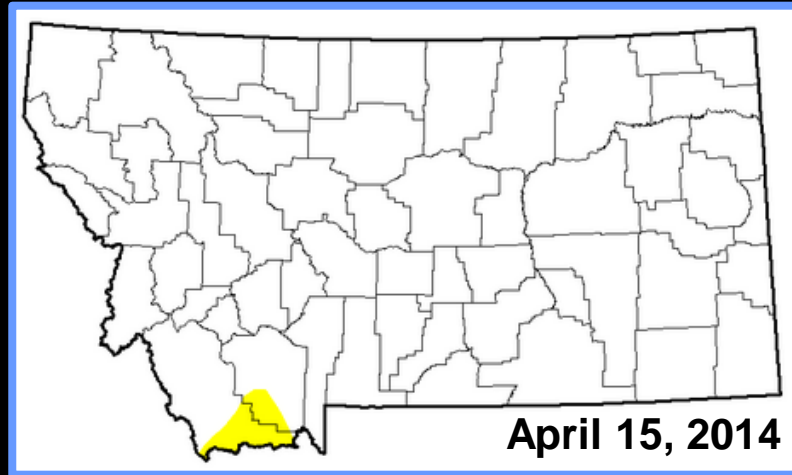
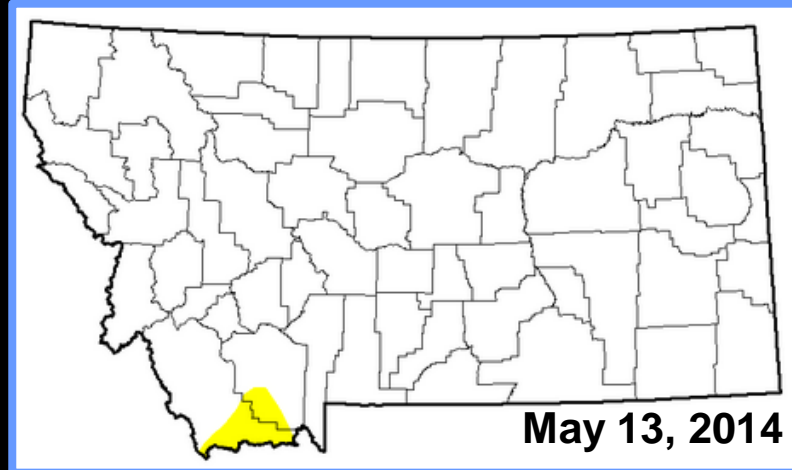
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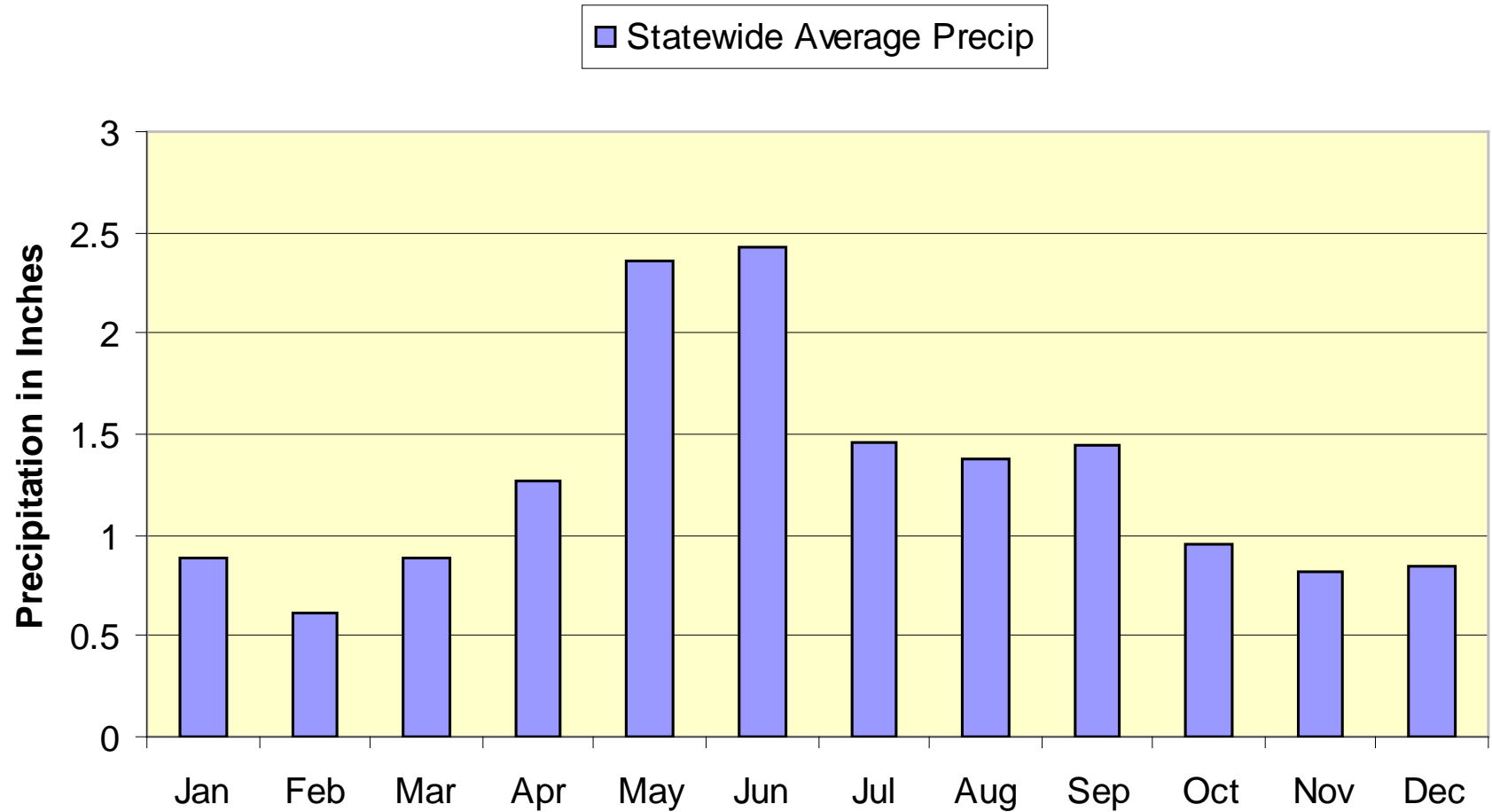
💧 'Abnormally Dry' far southwest Montana



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# Statewide Average Precipitation

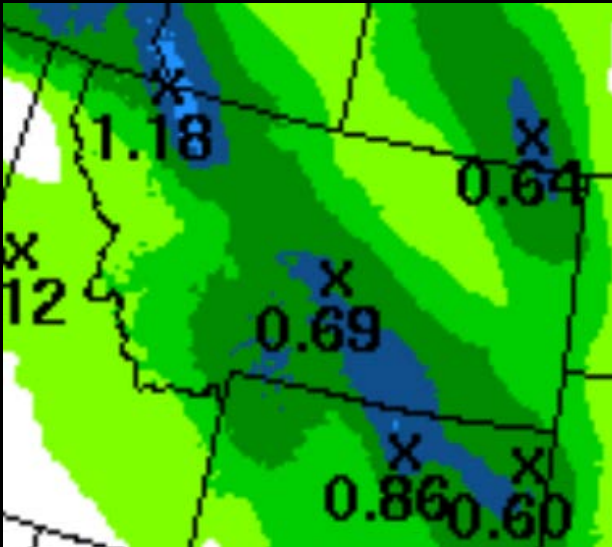
*May and June highest precipitation months*



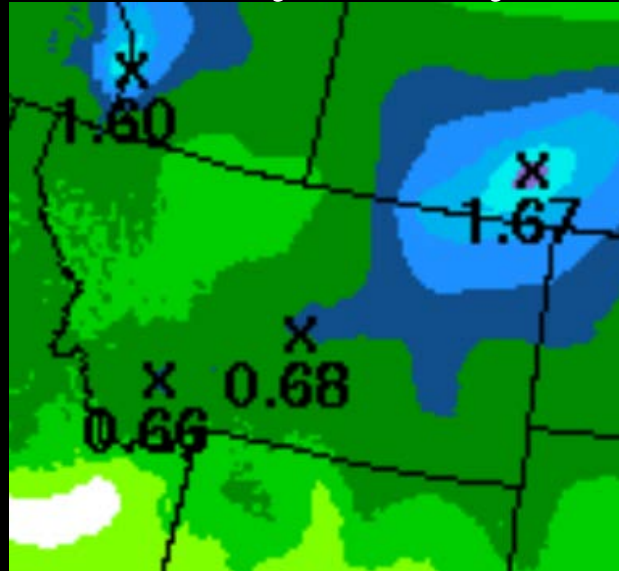
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# 7-Day Precipitation Forecast

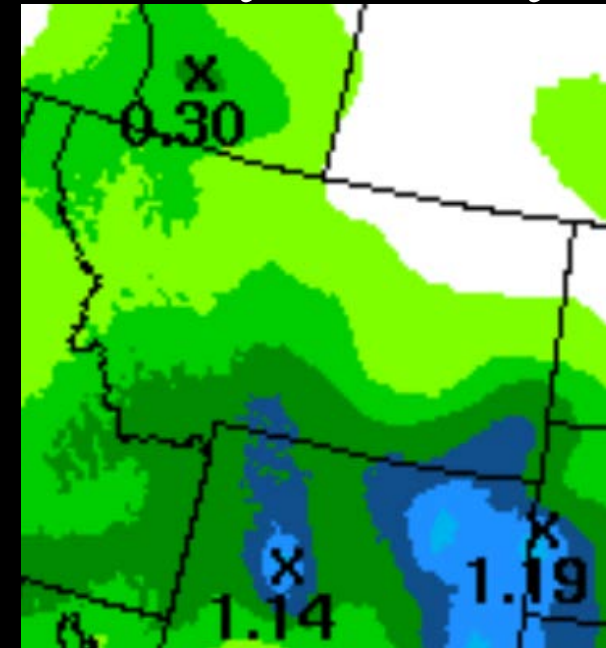
*Thursday-Saturday*



*Sunday-Monday*



*Tuesday-Wednesday*



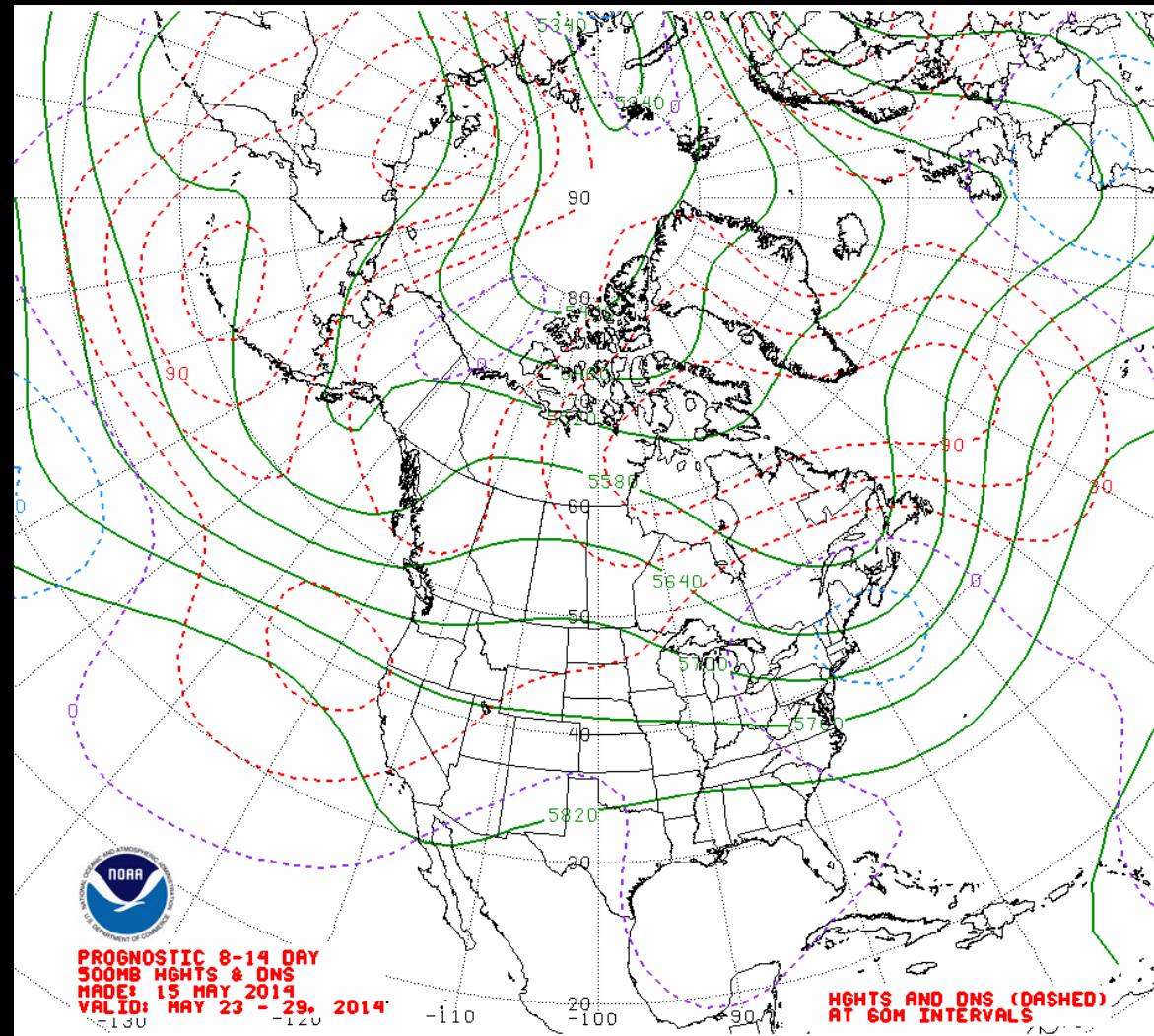
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# 8 to 14 Day Outlook

## *500mb Heights and Anomalies*

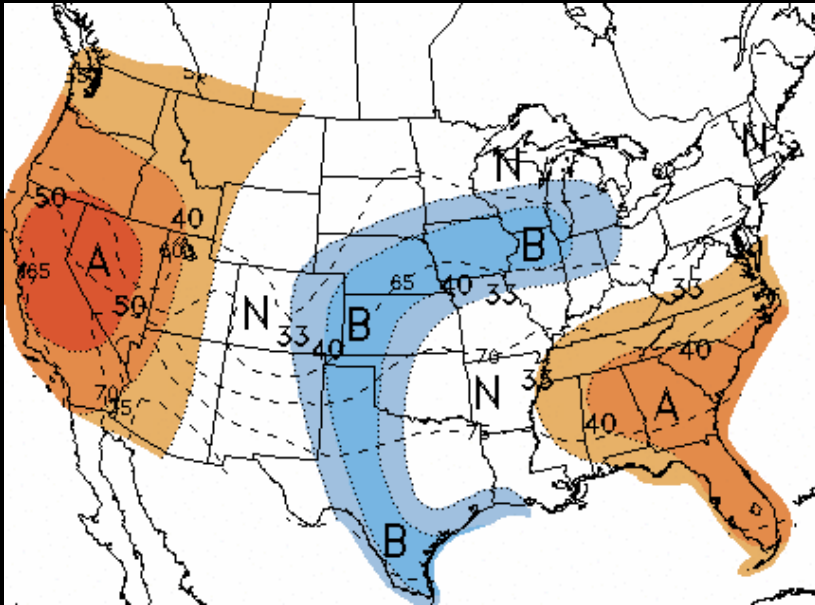
- ♦ May 22-28
- ♦ Westerly, split flow into Pacific Northwest with low pressure trough over eastern Pacific



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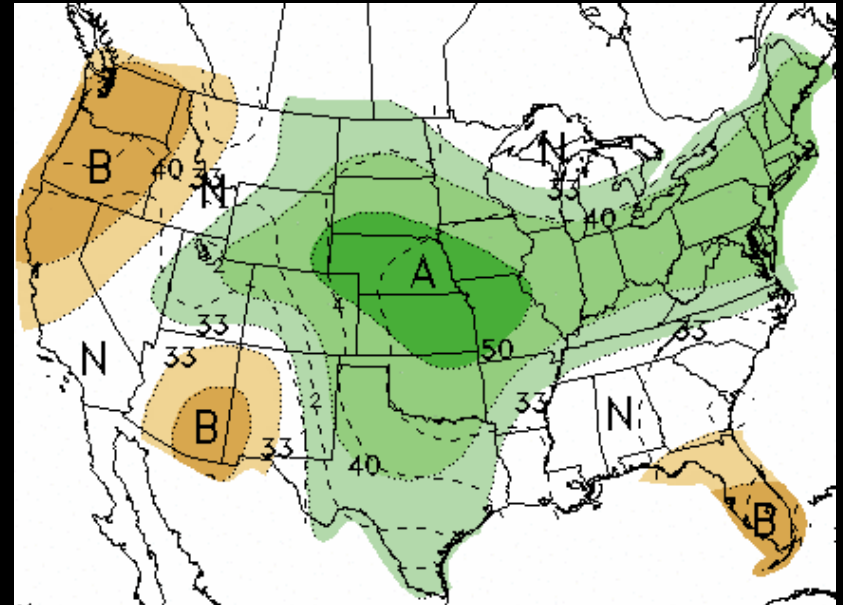
May 22 - 28

## Temperature



- 33% to 50% chance temperatures will be above normal western half of Montana
- 33% to 50% chance temperatures will be below normal eastern Montana

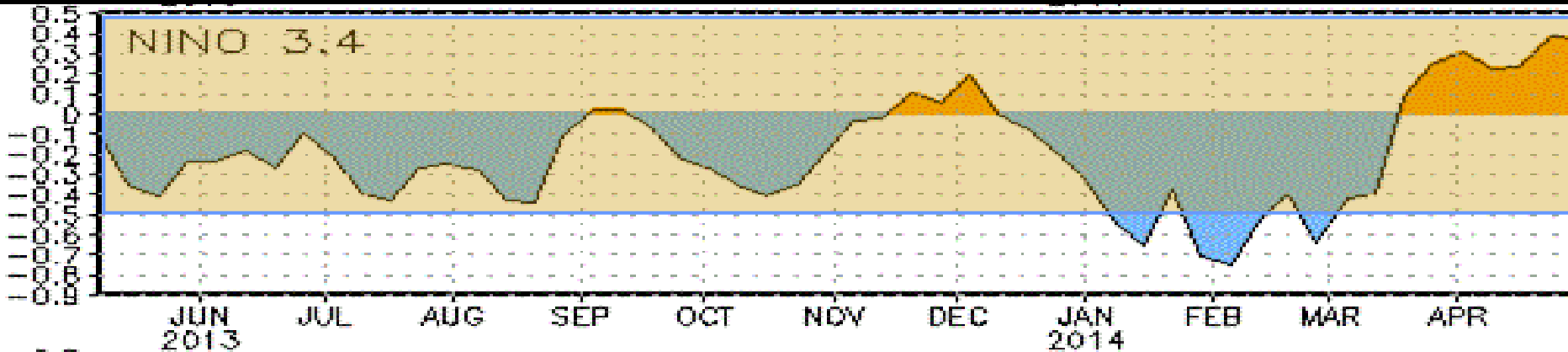
## Precipitation



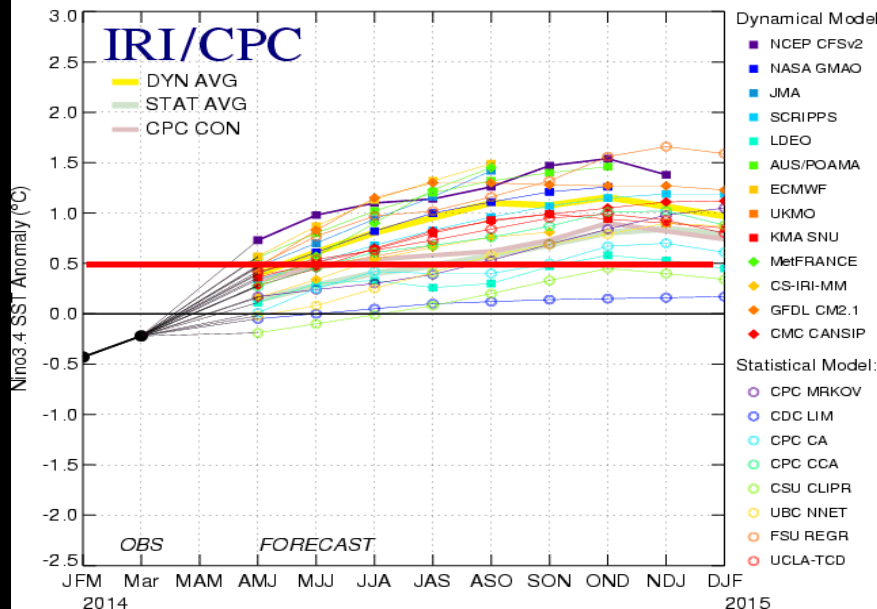
- 33% to 40% chance precipitation will be below normal northwest Montana
- 33% to 40% chance precipitation will be above normal southwest Montana

# El Niño / La Niña

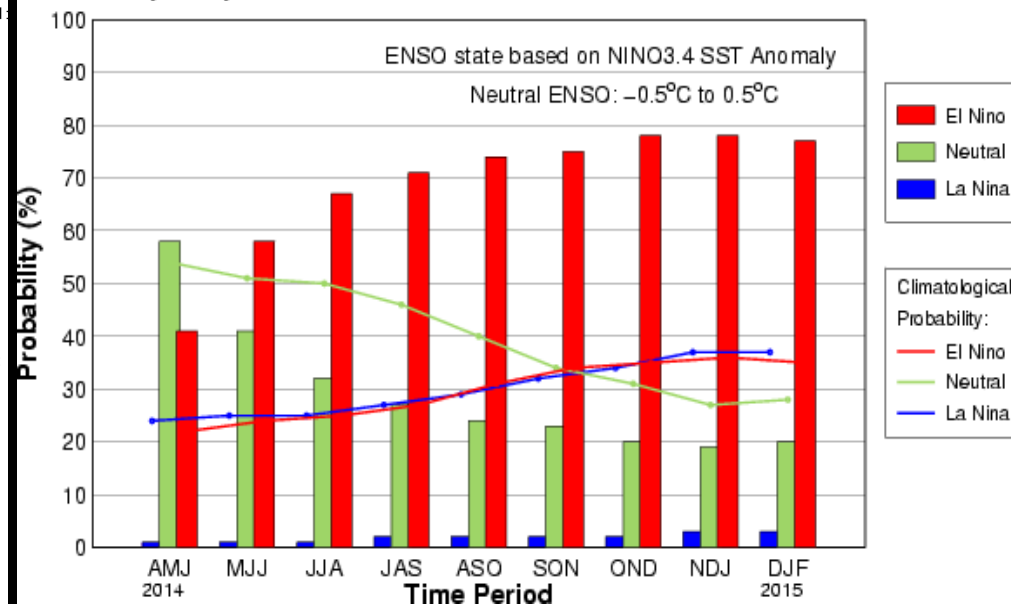
*El Niño Watch* - Chances of El Niño increase during the remainder of the year



Mid-Apr 2014 Plume of Model ENSO Predictions



Early-May CPC/IRI Consensus Probabilistic ENSO Forecast



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# For Montana, compared to normal years, El Nino years tend to have approximately...

- 20 percent more days with extreme high daytime temperatures
- 20 percent fewer days with extreme low nighttime temperatures
- 20 percent fewer days with high precipitation amounts
- “An increase or decrease of extreme daily weather occurrences can impact natural resources and a wide range of human activities including agriculture, forestry, recreation, construction and other businesses,”

*Joseph Caprio, professor emeritus in MSU's Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences and former Montana State Climatologist.*



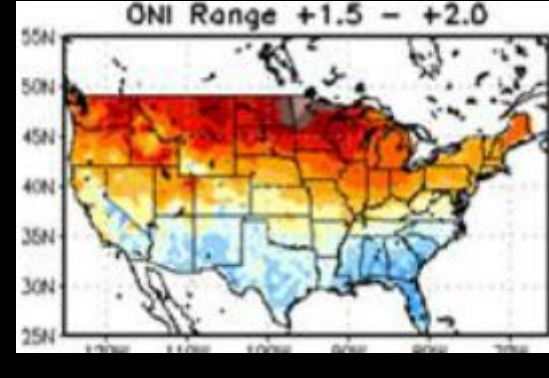
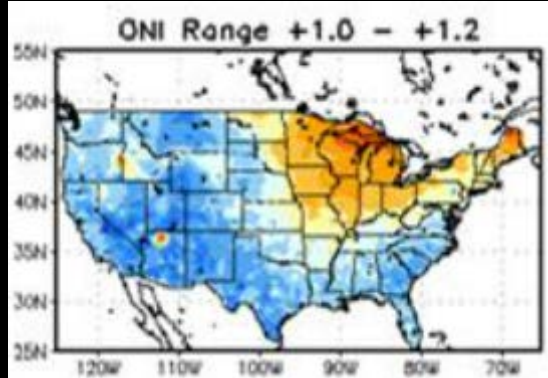
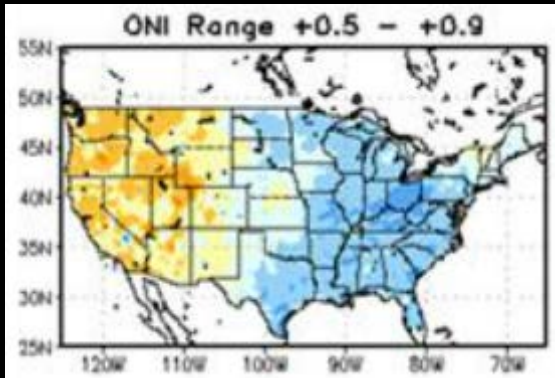
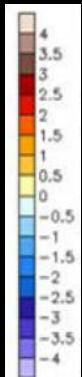
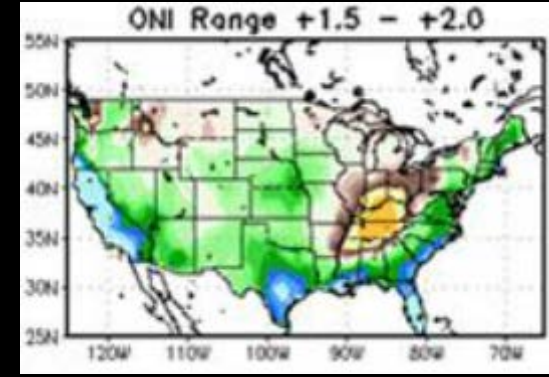
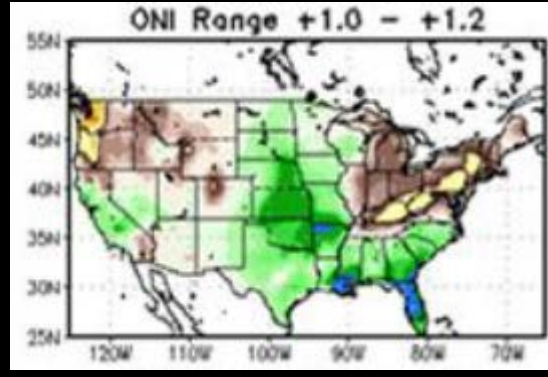
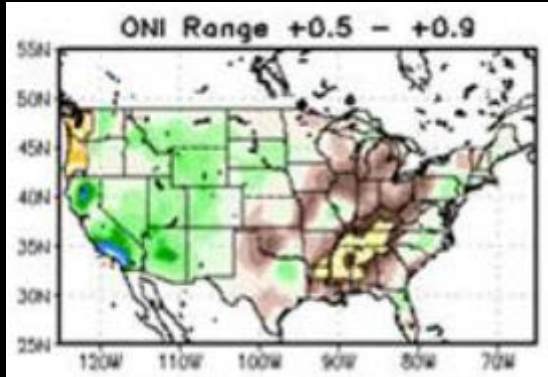
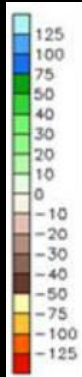
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# Jan-Feb-Mar El Nino Precipitation and Temperature Departure During El Niño

*Weak*  
*4 Cases*

*Moderate*  
*4 Cases*

*Strong*  
*4 Cases*

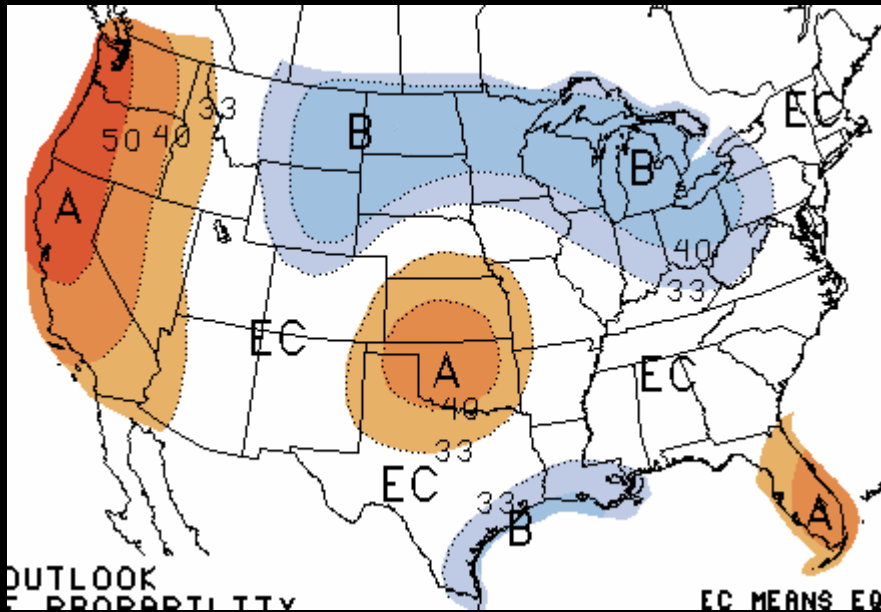


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# June Outlook

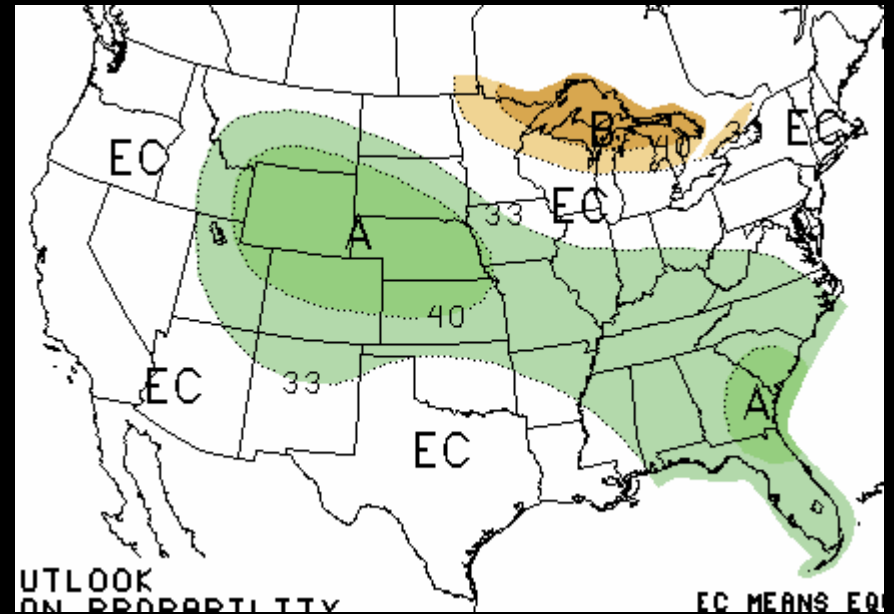
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## *Temperature*



- 33% to 50% chance temperatures will be below normal over central and eastern Montana

## *Precipitation*



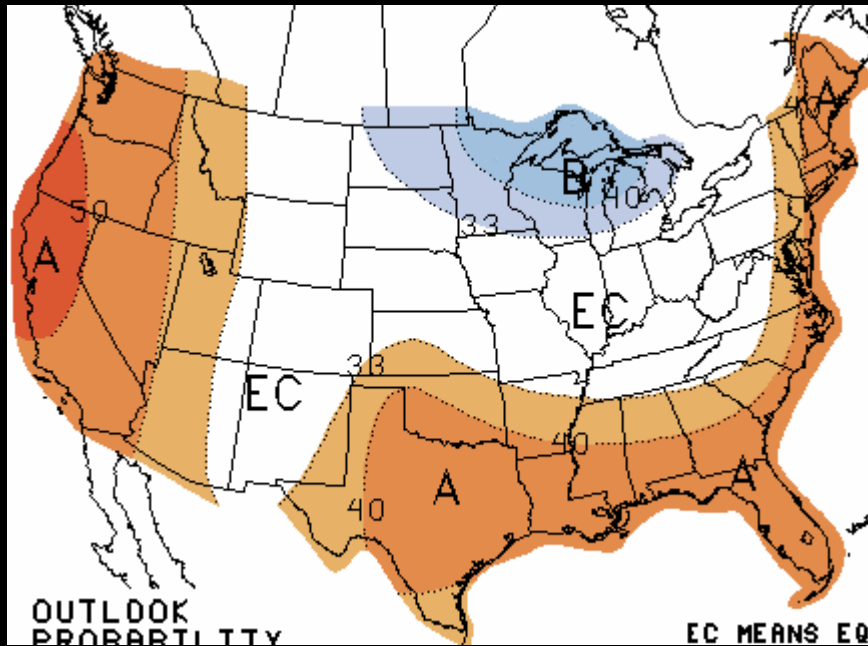
- 33% to 50% chance precipitation will be above normal over southern half of Montana



# July – September Outlook

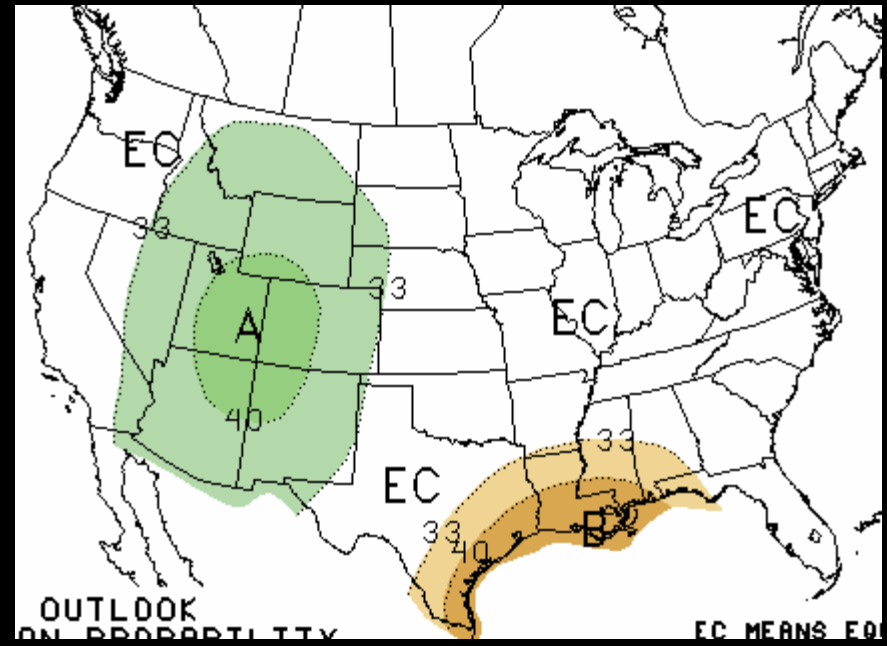
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## Temperature



- 33% to 40% chance temperatures will be above normal over west and southwest Montana

## Precipitation

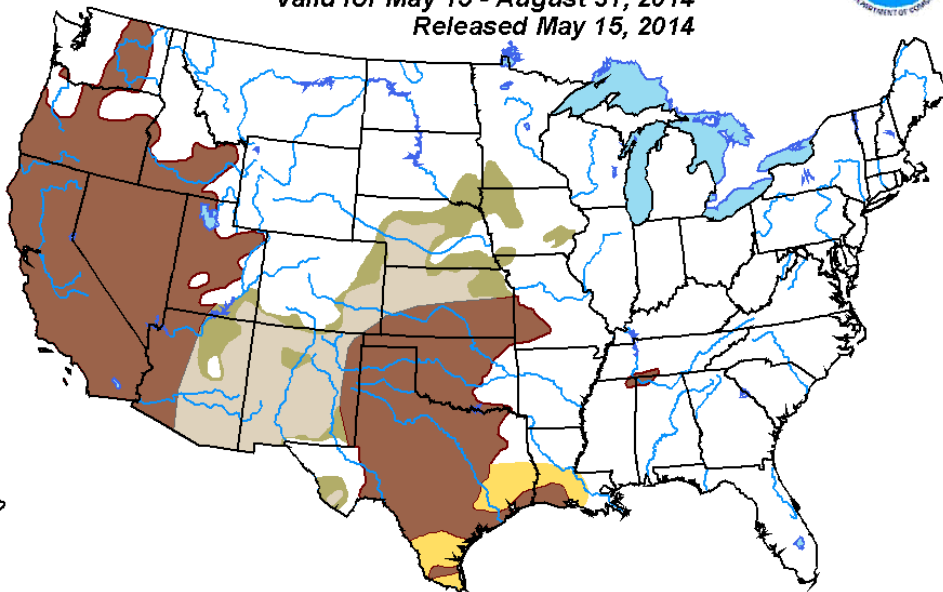


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# Drought Outlook through August

## *Issued May 15*

### U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period Valid for May 15 - August 31, 2014 Released May 15, 2014



#### **KEY:**

-  Drought persists or intensifies
-  Drought remains but improves
-  Drought removal likely
-  Drought development likely

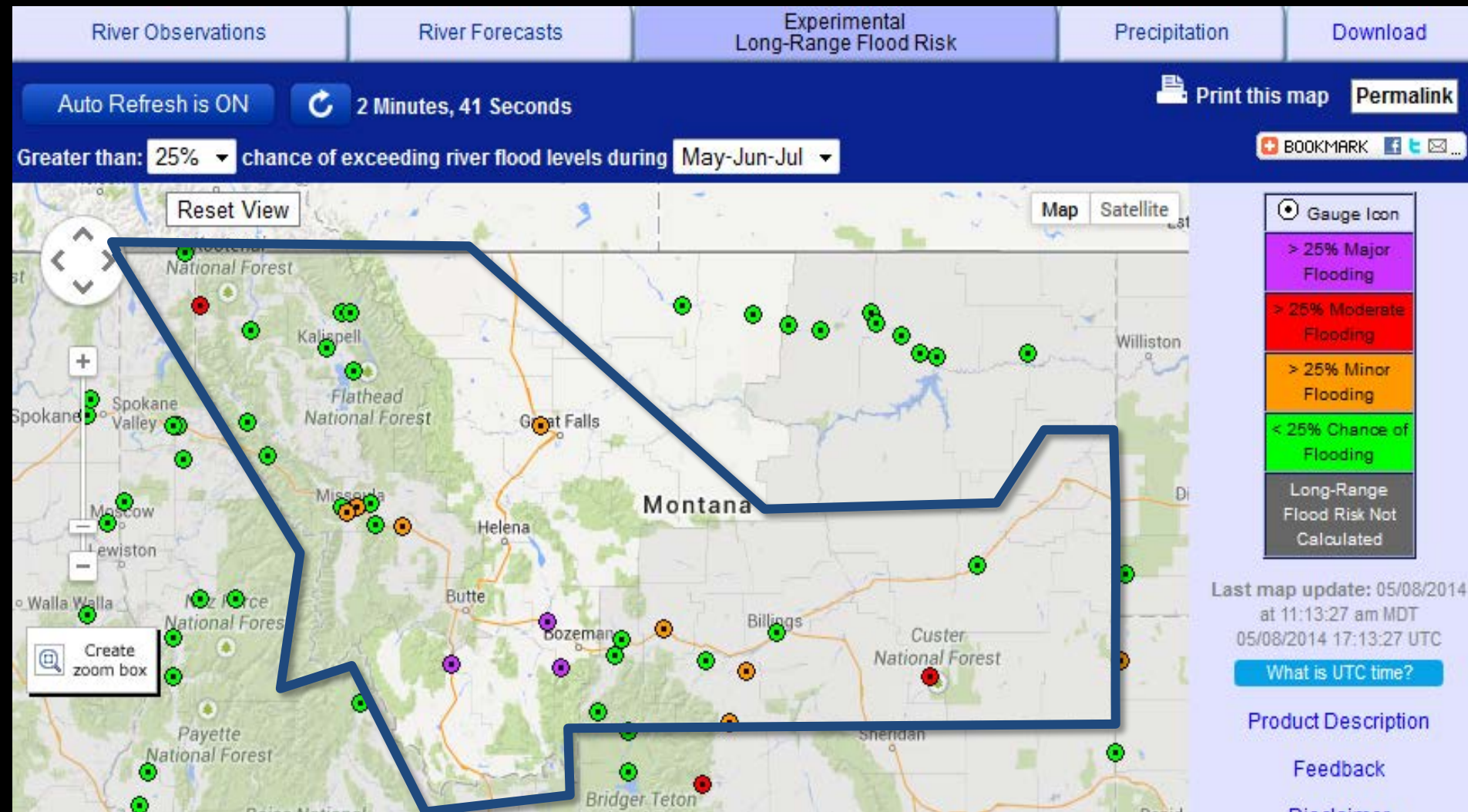
Author: Rich Tinker, Climate Prediction Center, NOAA  
[http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert\\_assessment/season\\_drought.html](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/season_drought.html)

Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events -- such as individual storms -- cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance. Use caution for applications -- such as crops -- that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4 intensity). For weekly drought updates, see the latest U.S. Drought Monitor.  
NOTE: The tan area areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period although drought will remain.  
The Green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none)

- 💧 Drought area just to southwest of Montana expected to persist/intensify

# Chances of Flooding through June

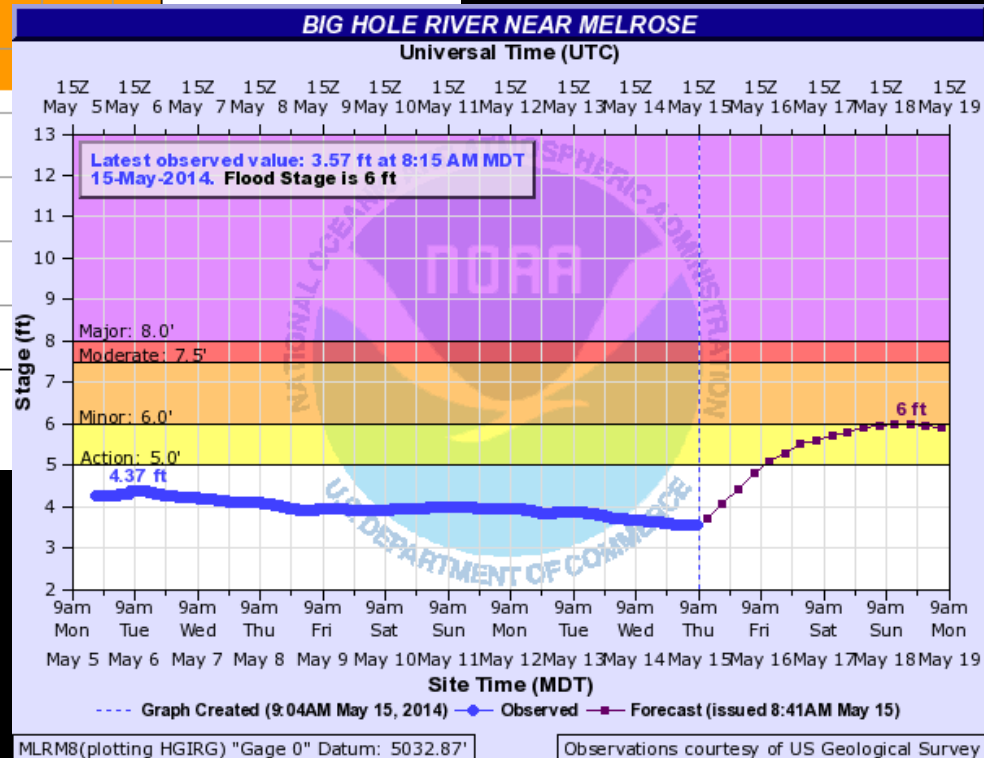
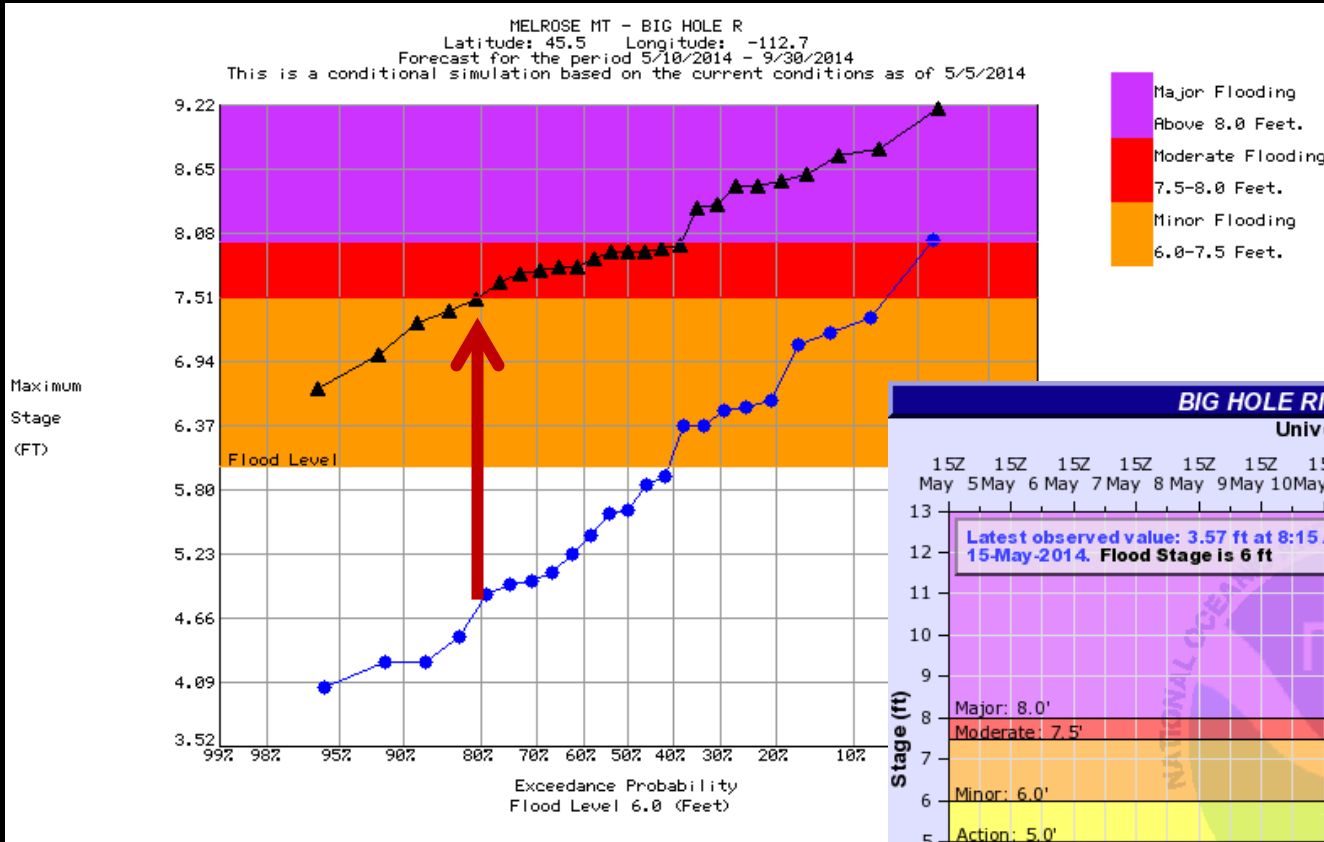
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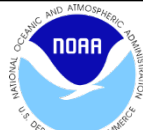
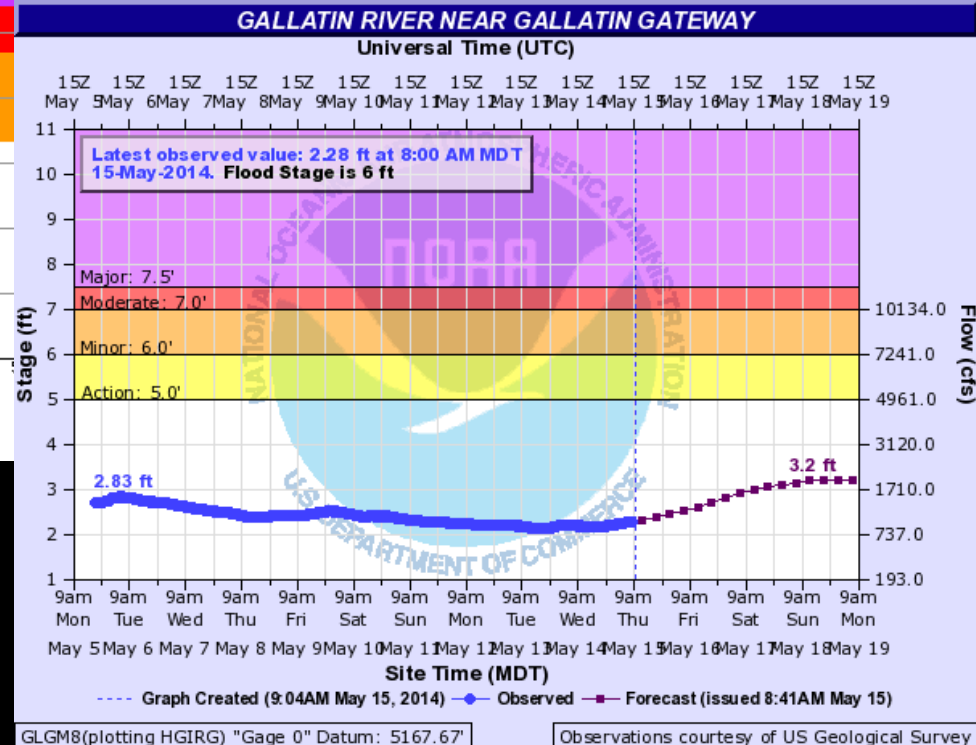
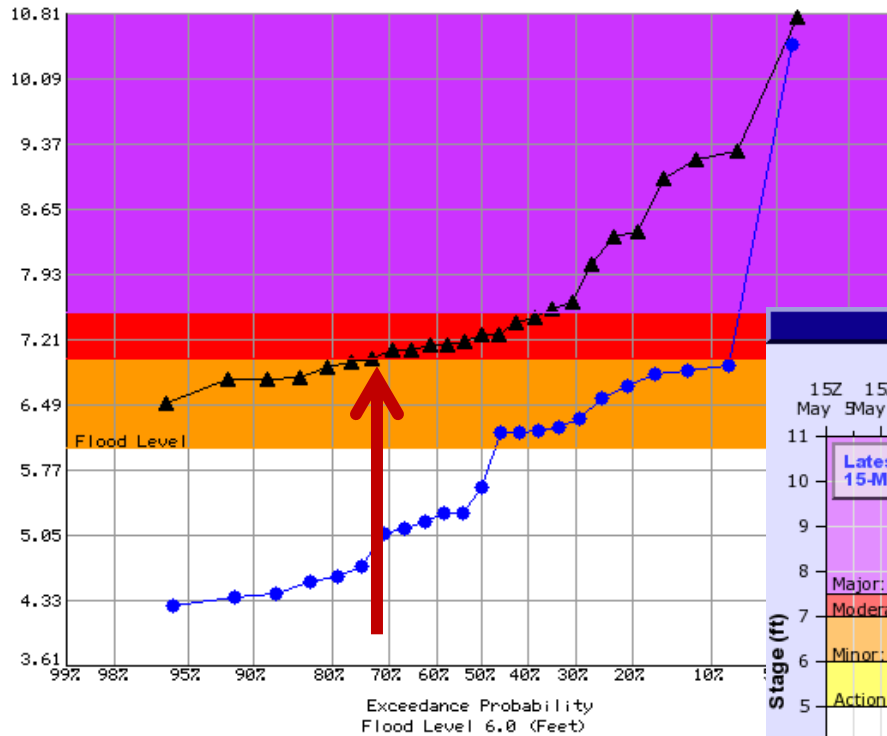
# Big Hole River - Melrose



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# Gallatin River – Gallatin Gateway

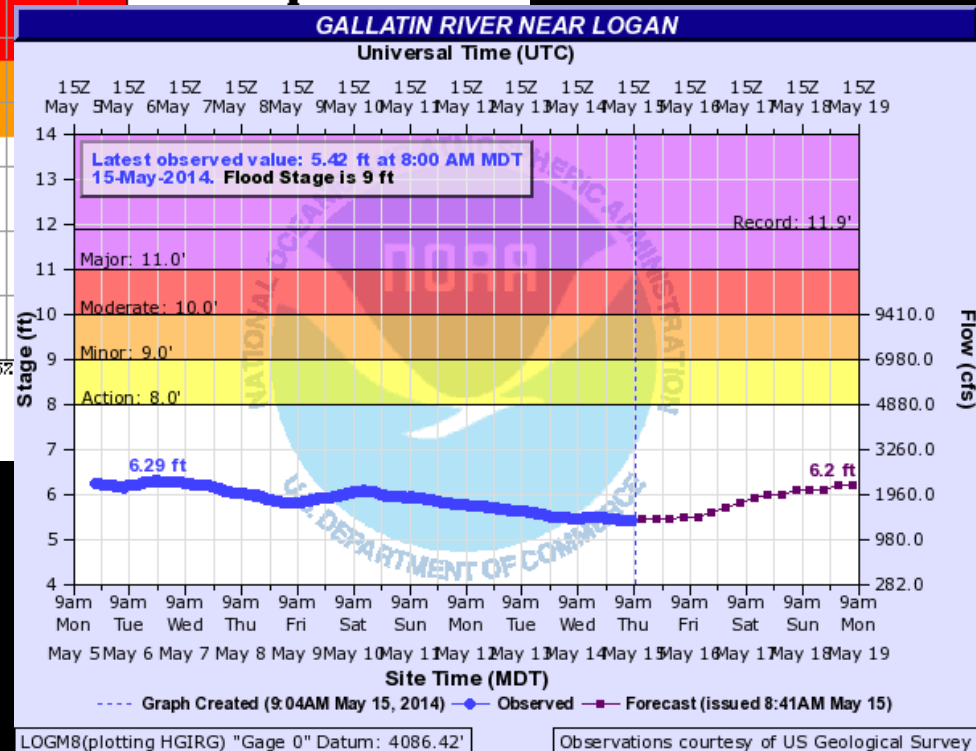
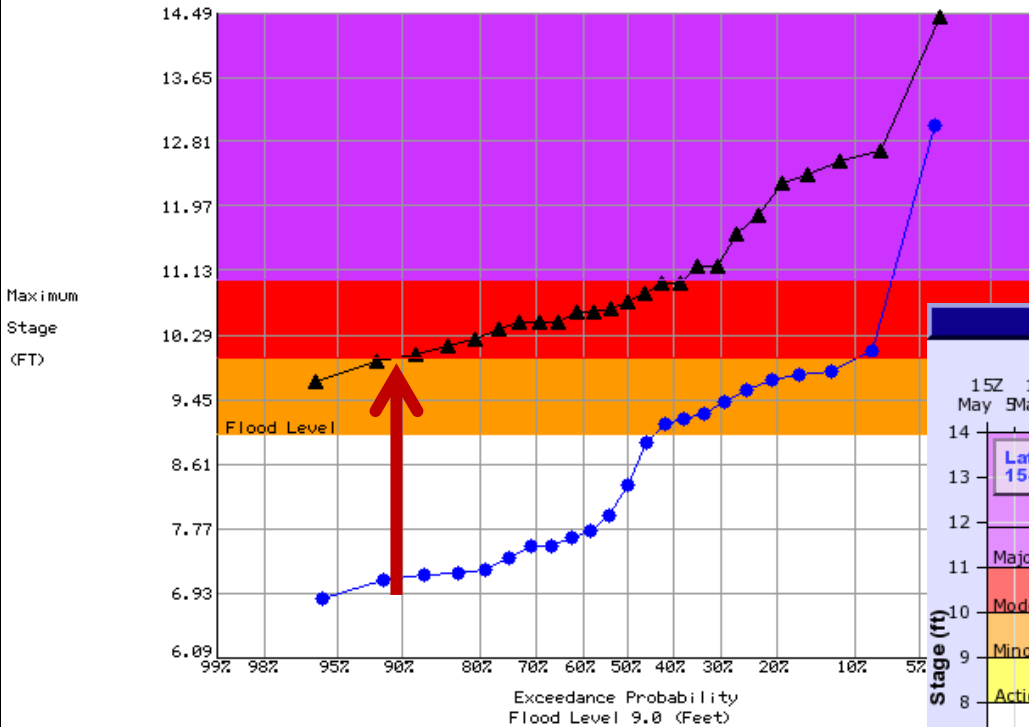
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This is a conditional simulation based on the current conditions as of 5/5/2014



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# Gallatin River - Logan

LOGAN MT - GALLATIN R  
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This is a conditional simulation based on the current conditions as of 5/5/2014



LOGM8(plotting HGIRG) "Gage 0" Datum: 4086.42'

Observations courtesy of US Geological Survey



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# In Summary...

- Drier conditions in April allowed for some snowmelt in lower and mid elevations without flooding
- Still anticipate minor to moderate flooding west, southwest, and south
  - Particularly mountain-fed stream and small rivers
- Game changing event would rapidly increase chances of and severity of flooding
  - May and June peak months for flooding
- No drought conditions noted on National Drought Monitor or Montana Drought Status Map
  - Small area of abnormally dry in far southwest





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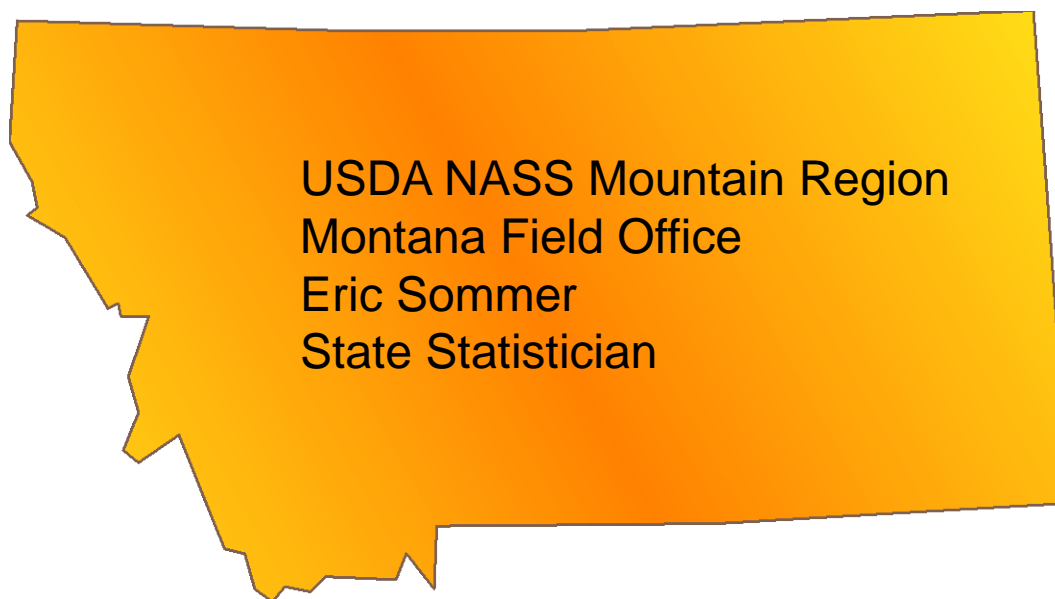


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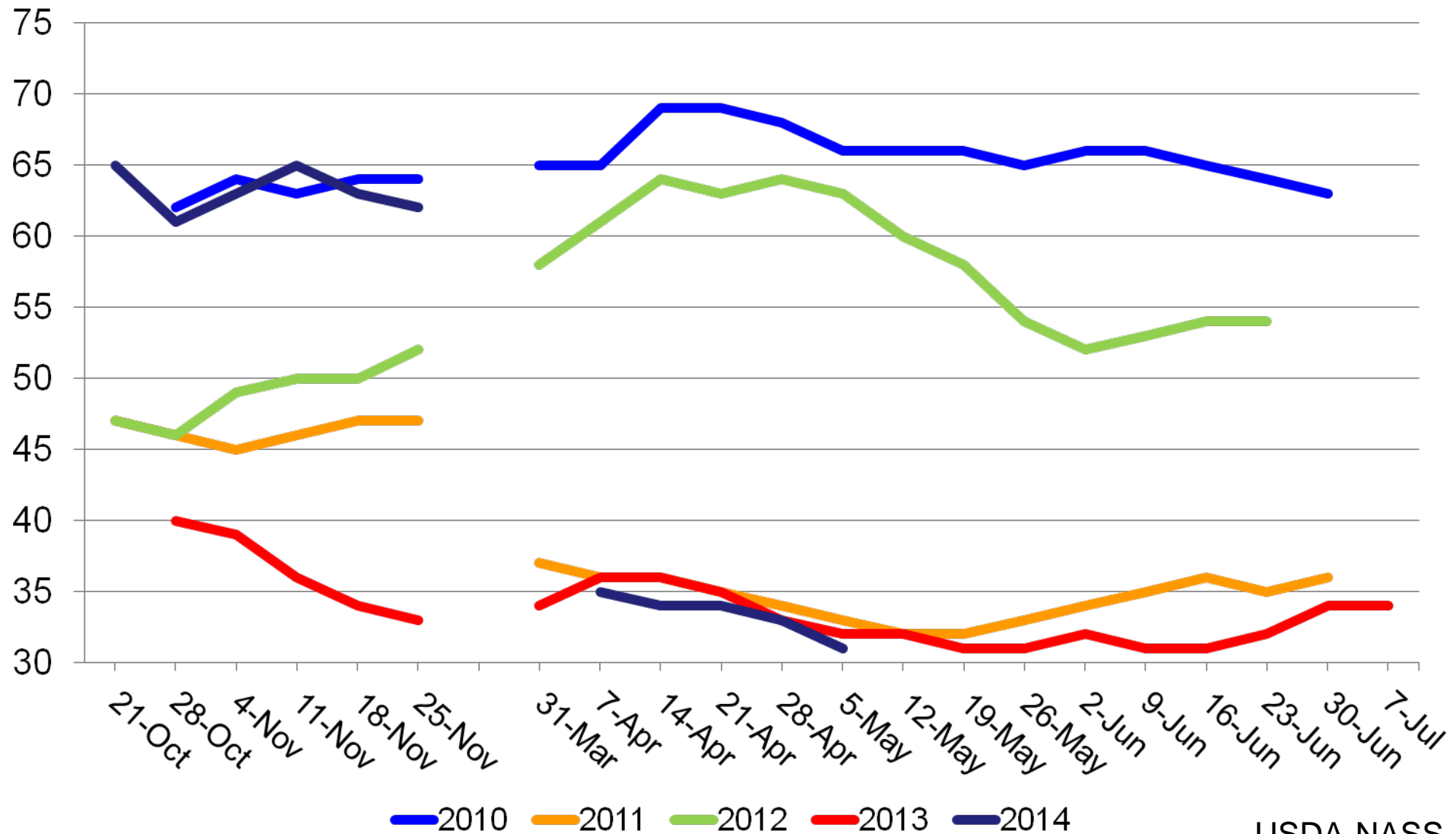
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# US Winter Wheat Condition

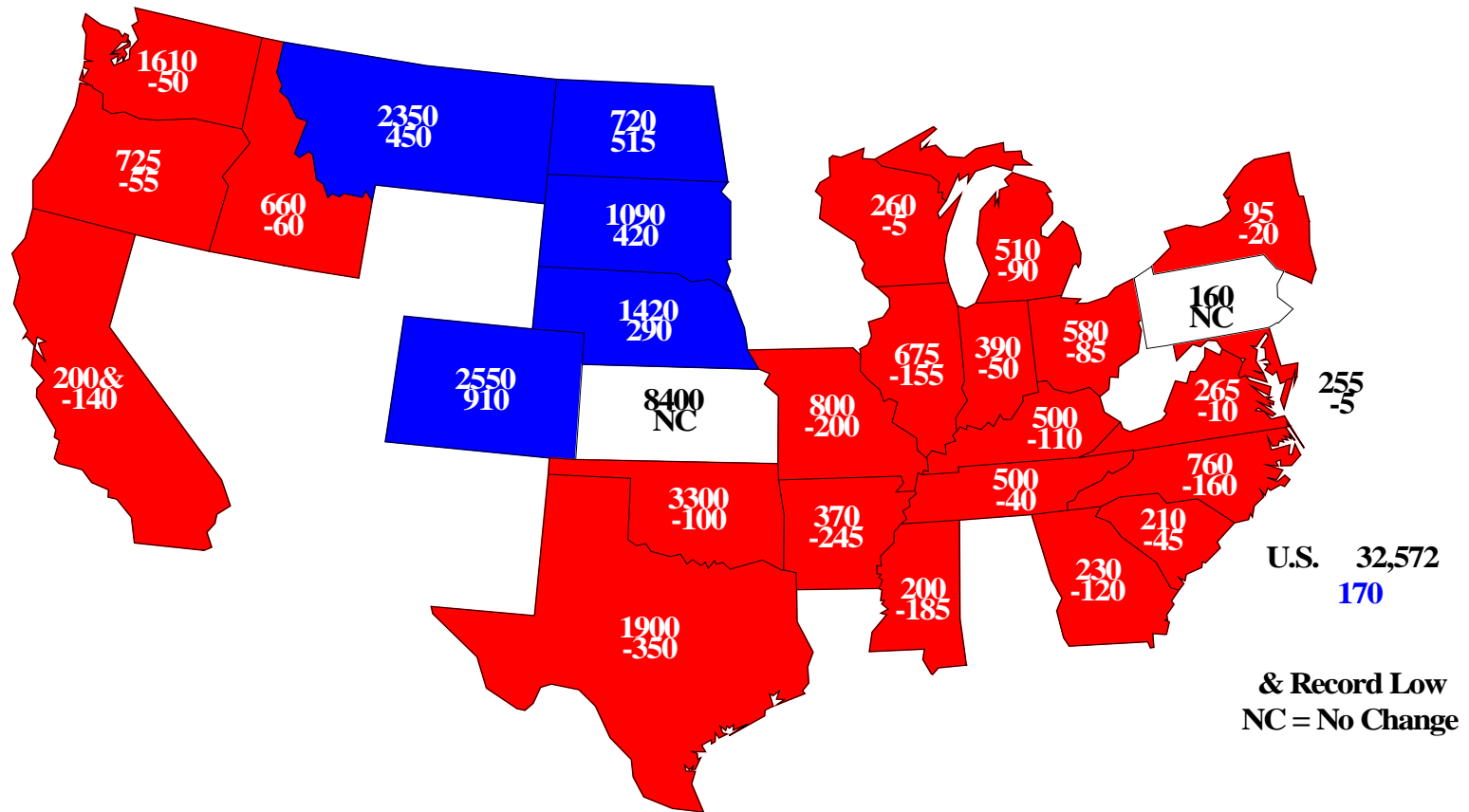
Percent Rated Good to Excellent





# Winter Wheat Harvested, 2014

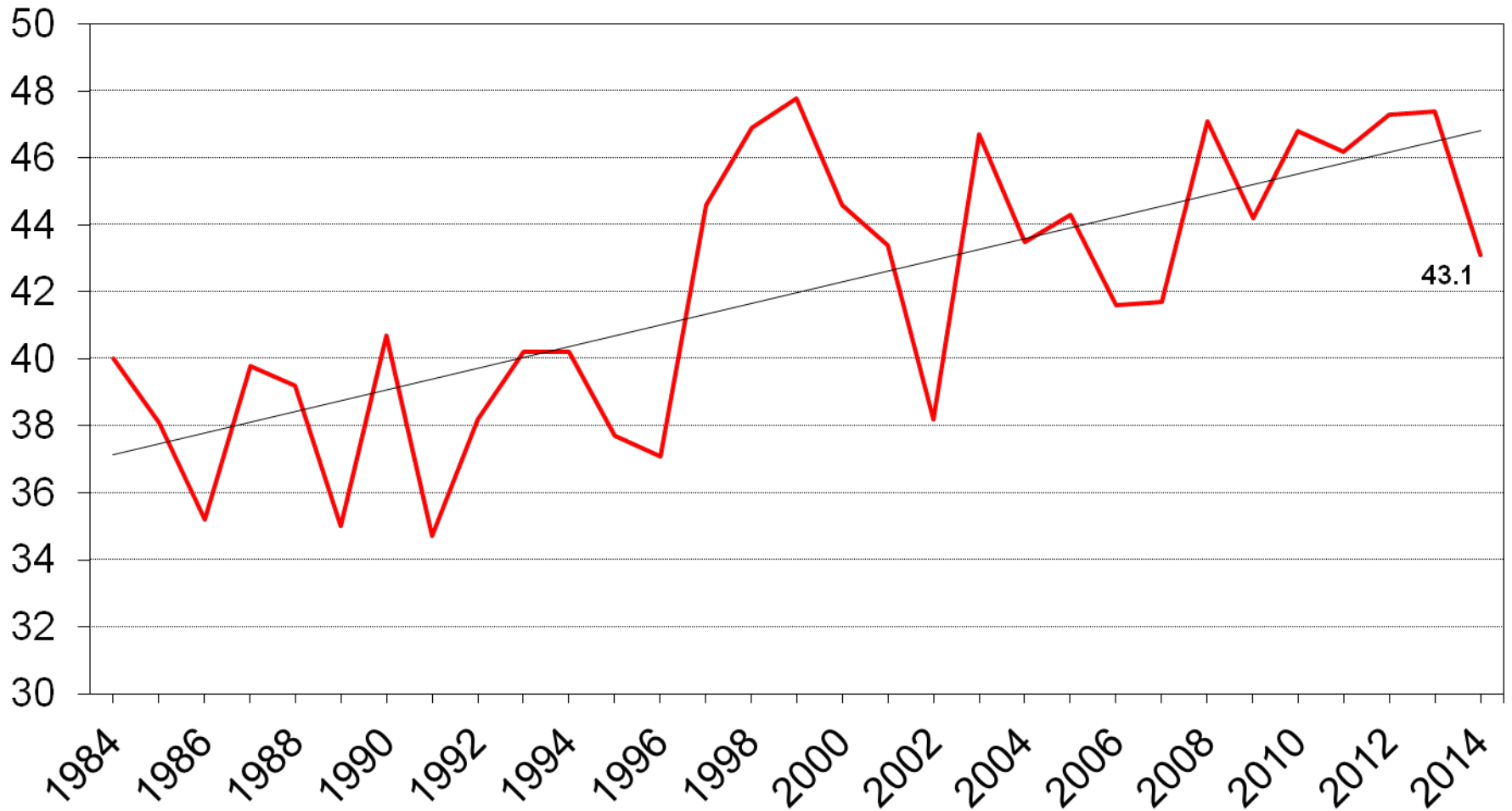
## Acres (000) and Change From Previous Year





# U.S. Winter Wheat Yield

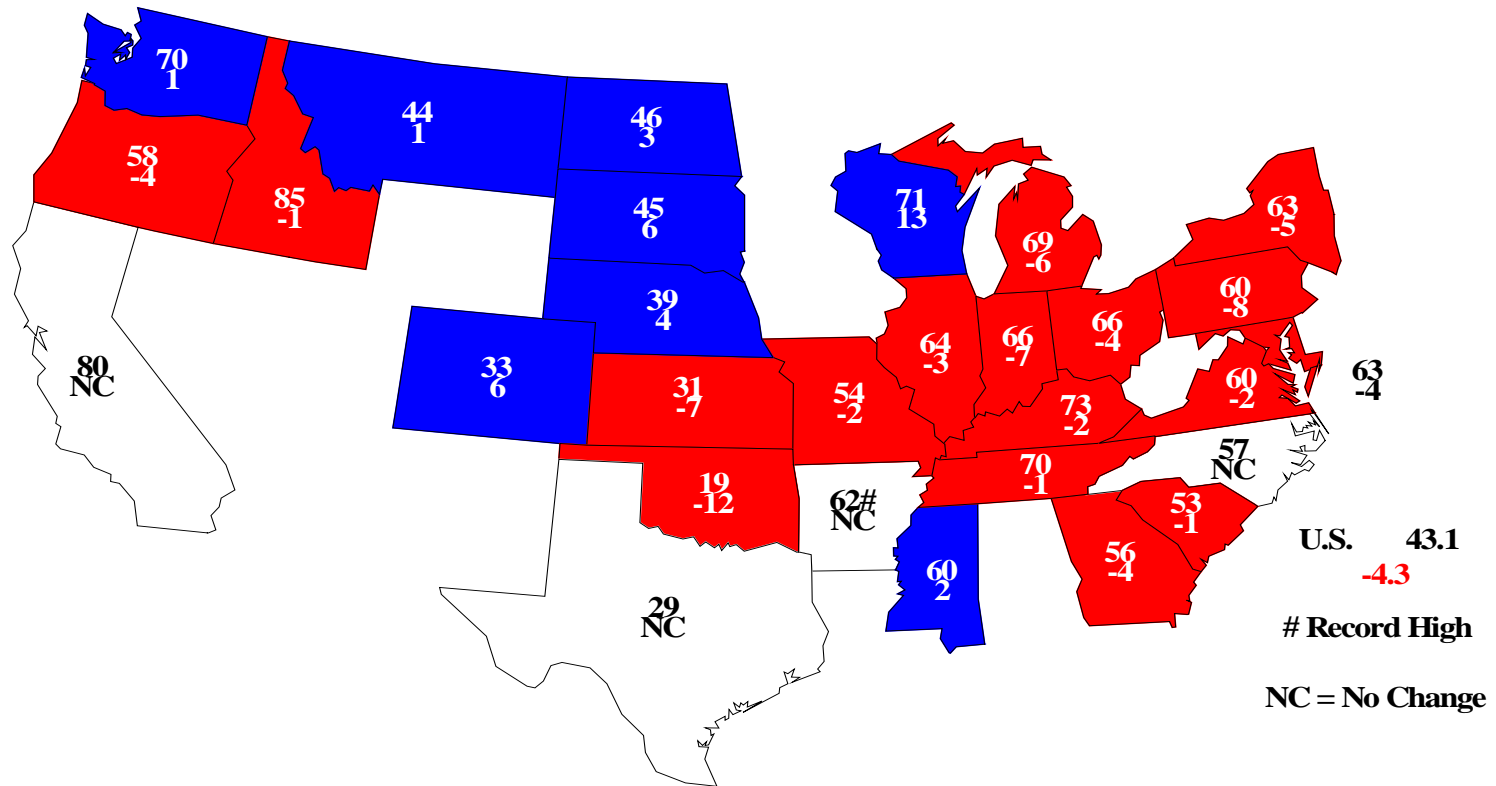
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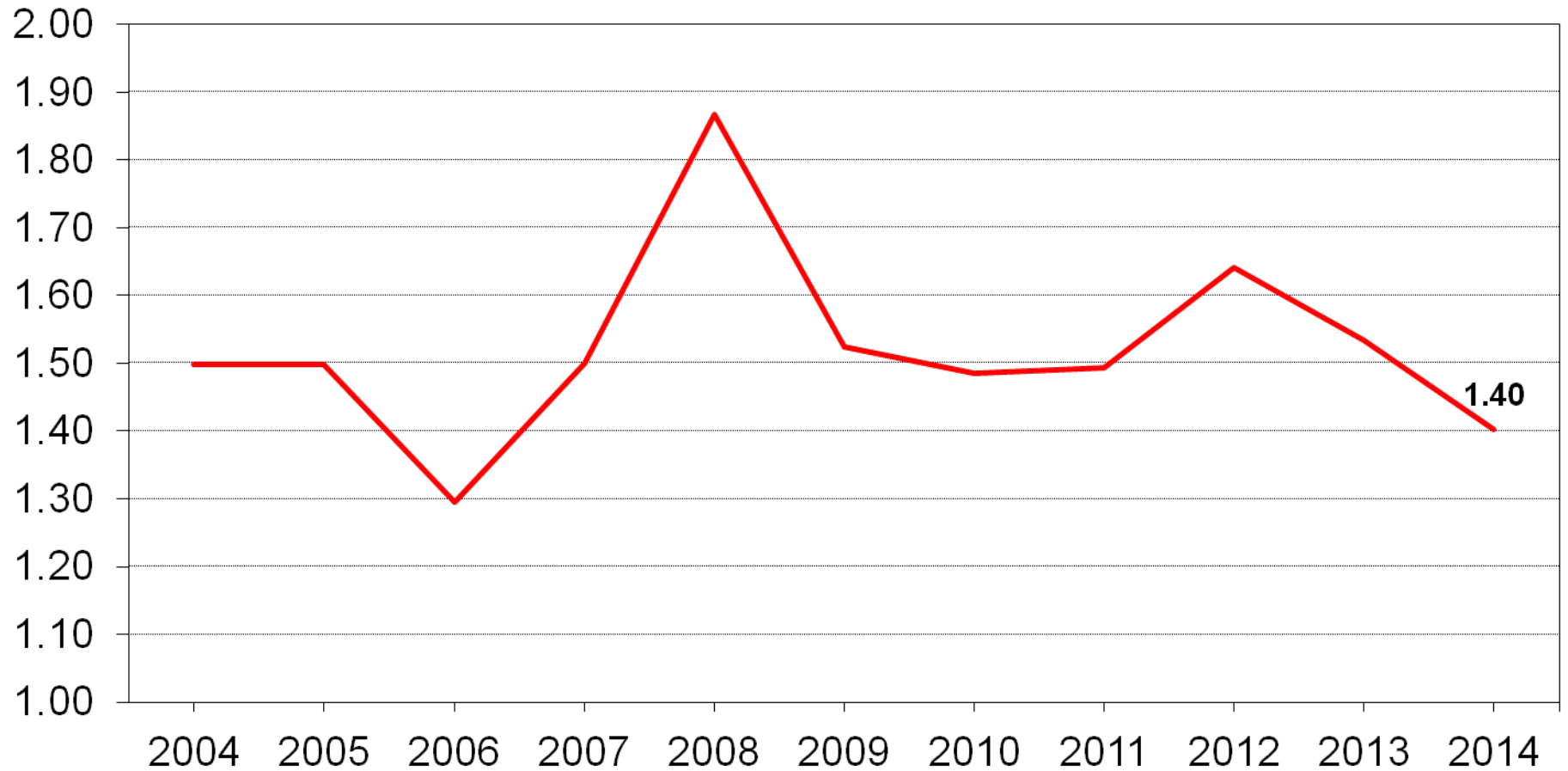
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## Bushels and Change From Previous Year



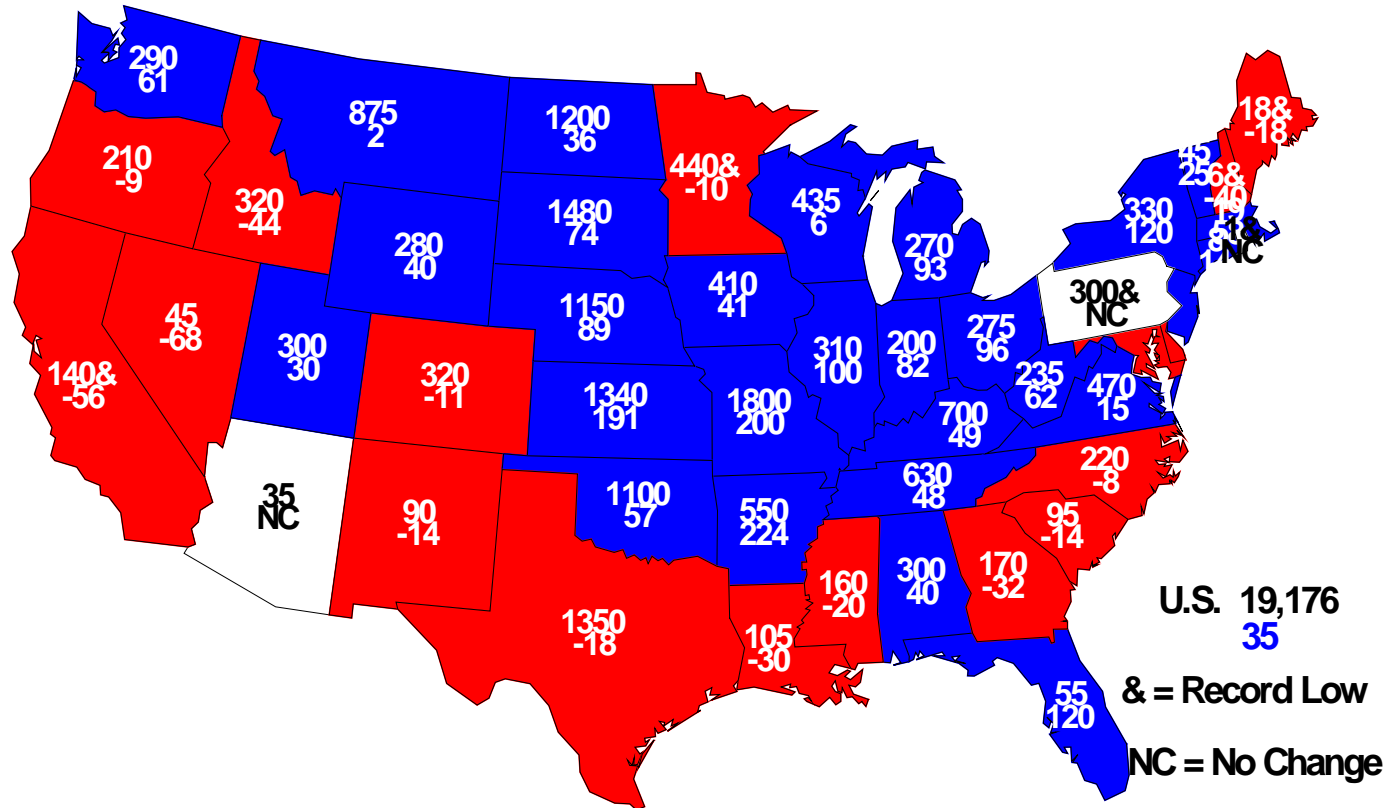
# U.S. Winter Wheat Production

Billion bushels



# All Hay Stocks - May 1, 2014

## Stocks (000) and Percent Change From Previous Year





# **Crop Weather Report**

## **Week Ending May 11, 2014**

- Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were better than a year ago but comparable to the five year average.
- Producers have made a lot of progress seeding their spring crops. Late winter/Early spring storms still have producers playing catch up.

# Topsoil Moisture

## Week Ending May 11, 2014

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg.
Very short	4	4	17	4
Short	9	9	30	13
Adequate	75	77	51	67
Surplus	12	10	2	16

# Subsoil Moisture

## Week Ending May 11, 2014

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg.
Very short	2	2	19	6
Short	12	11	30	17
Adequate	80	82	49	69
Surplus	6	5	2	8

# Winter Wheat Condition

## Week Ending May 11, 2014

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This week	2	5	31	45	17
Last week	1	5	31	46	17
Last year	5	10	33	44	8
5-yr avg.	2	7	29	50	12



# Seeding Completed

## Week Ending May 11, 2014

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg.
Spring Wheat	51	37	54	56
Barley	73	54	77	64
Oats	24	14	53	48
Dry Peas	66	47	54	62
Lentils	41	21	42	59
Flaxseed	13	1	7	31
Canola	46	34	57	48

# Seeding Completed

## Week Ending May 11, 2014

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg.
Corn	34	16	41	43
Potatoes	3	na	54	30
Sugar Beets	91	65	29	67
Durum Wheat	23	9	23	36

# **Emerged**

## **Week Ending May 11, 2014**

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-yr avg.
Spring Wheat	8	1	4	15
Barley	27	2	21	25
Oats	7	na	9	17
Dry Peas	16	1	5	9
Canola	15	1	7	7
Sugar Beets	17	0	4	25

# **Livestock Grazing**

## **Week Ending May 11, 2014**

- 43 percent of Cattle and Calves have been moved to summer ranges, ahead of last years 38 percent and the five-year average of 32 percent.
- 38 percent of Sheep and Lambs have been moved to summer ranges, behind last years 42 percent but ahead of the five-year average of 29 percent.
- 49 percent of cattle & calves and 44 percent of sheep & lambs were receiving supplemental feed



# Range & Pasture Feed Condition

## Week Ending May 11, 2014

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
This week	2	15	40	39	4
Last week	2	16	44	35	3
Last year	21	32	31	15	1
5-yr avg.	6	14	37	37	6

## **Calving & Lambing Completed Week Ending May 11, 2014**

- 89 percent of cows have calved, behind last year's 94 percent and the five-year average of 93 percent.
- 82 percent of ewes have lambed, compared to 87 percent last year and 83 percent for the five-year average.

# **Summary**

## **Week ending May 11, 2014**

- Soil moisture conditions continue to be above average thanks to ample snowpack and continued precipitation
- 4.0 days were suitable for field work during the week, compared to 6.4 days last year and 4.5 days for the five-year average
- Spring planting of most crops has almost caught up to the 5 year average

# June Releases

- June Hog Report released on June 27
- June Acreage, and June StocksJune Hog Reports released on June 30

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**Snow Survey and Water Supply Report**  
May 15th, 2014

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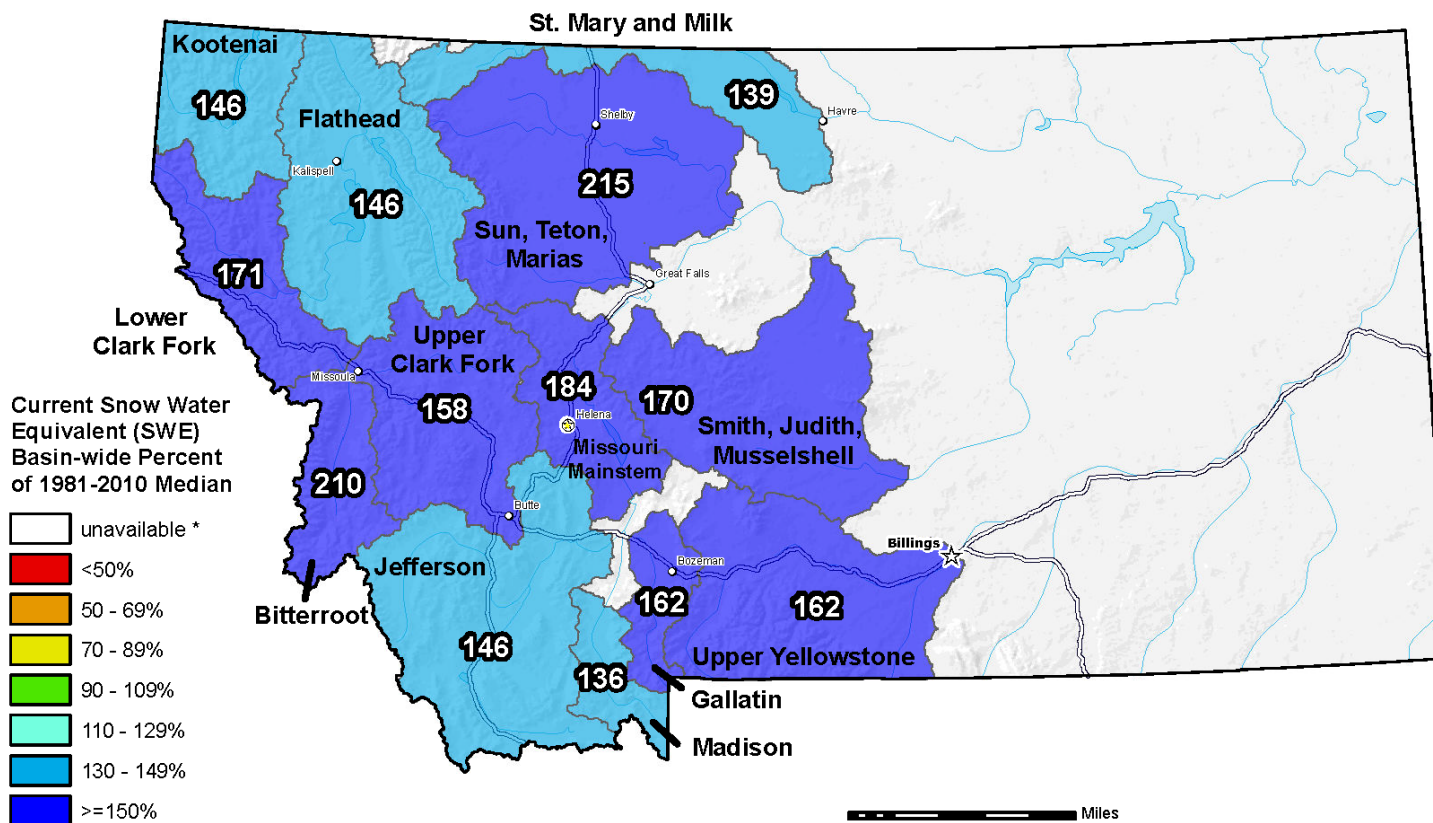
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## Montana SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal

May 14, 2014



\* Data unavailable at time of posting or measurement is not representative at this time of year

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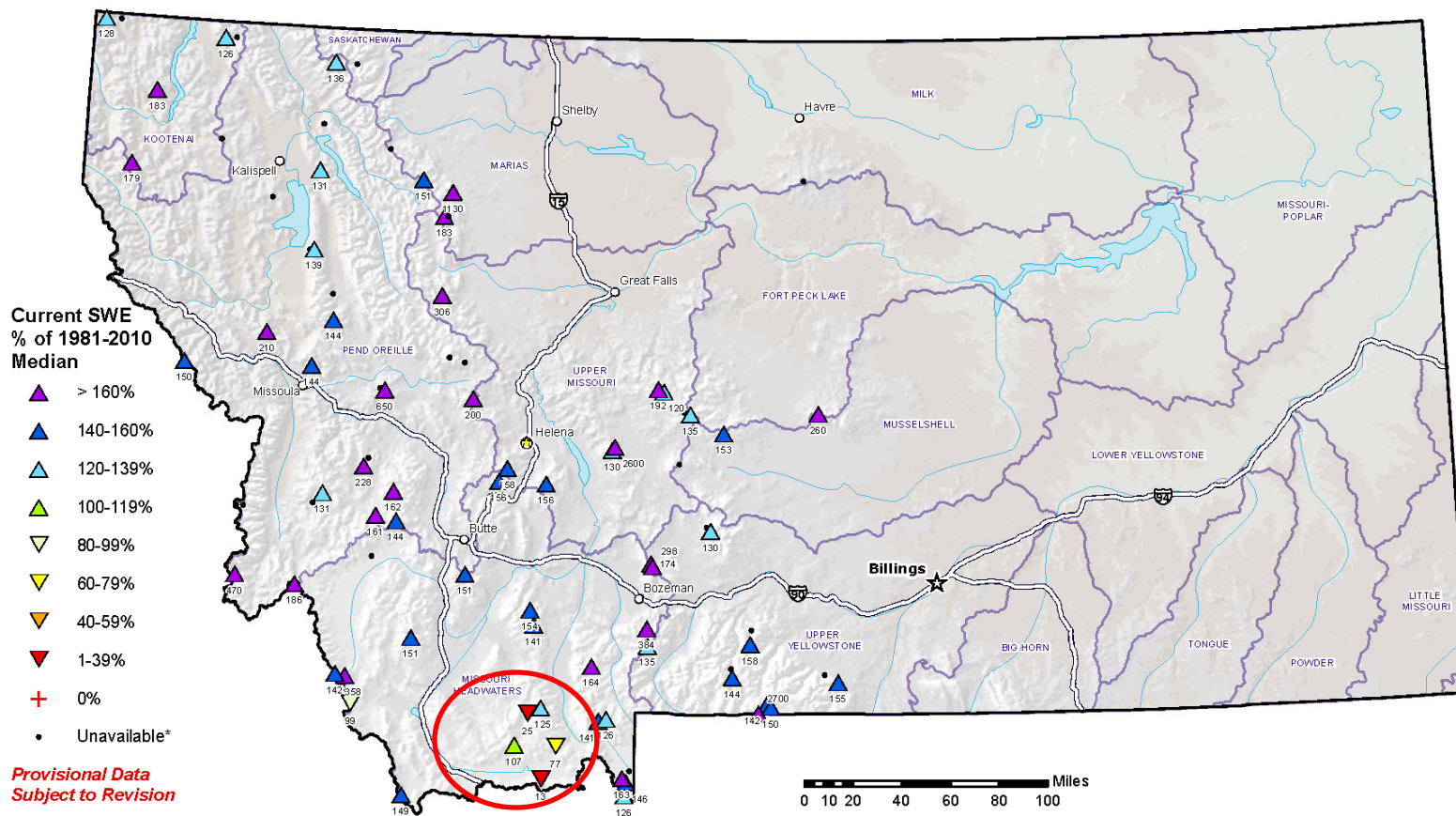


The snow water equivalent percent of normal represents the current snow water equivalent found at selected SNOTEL sites in or near the basin compared to the average value for those sites on this day. Data based on the first reading of the day (typically 00:00).

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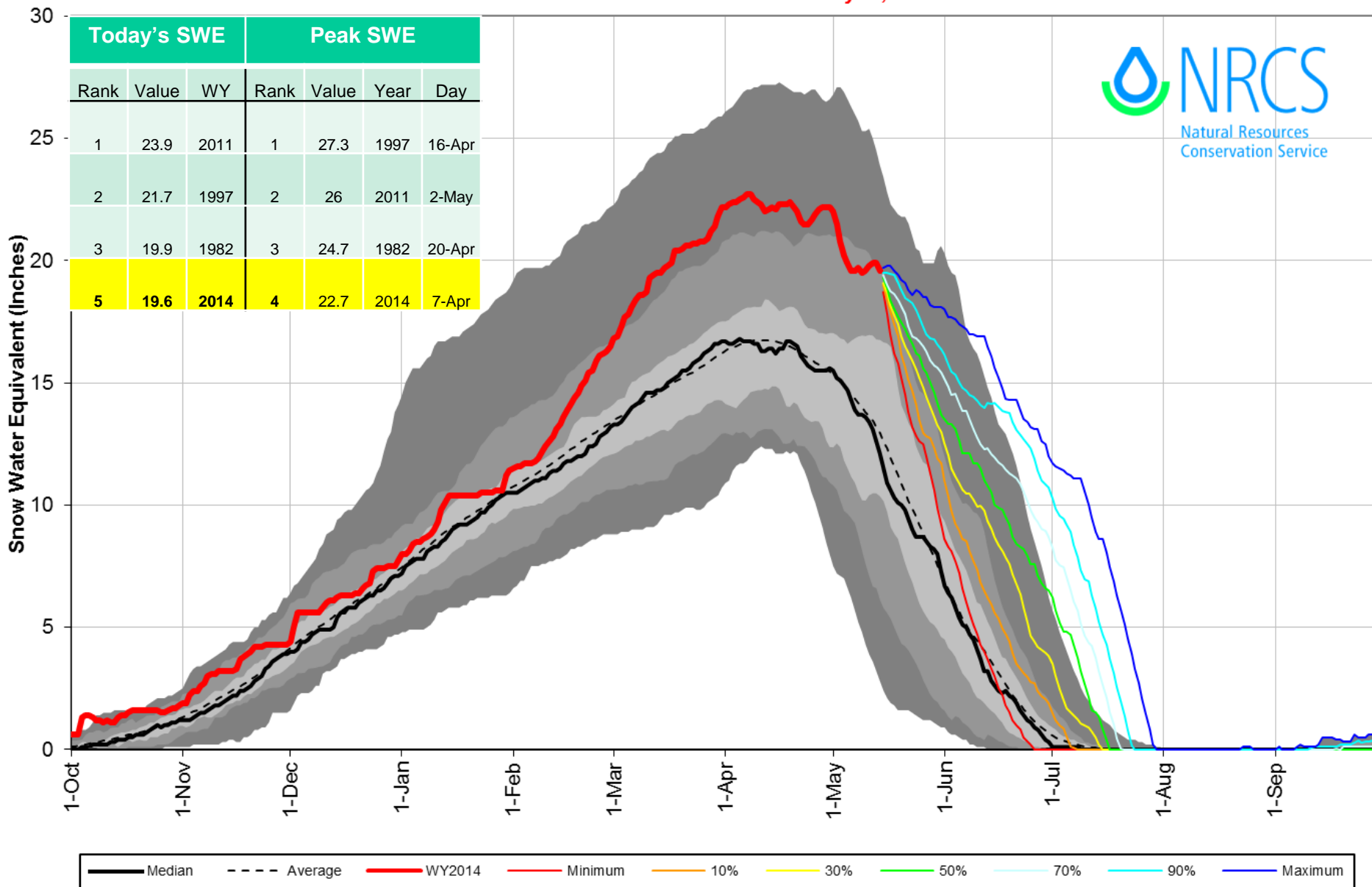


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## Montana Watersheds with Non-Exceedence Projections

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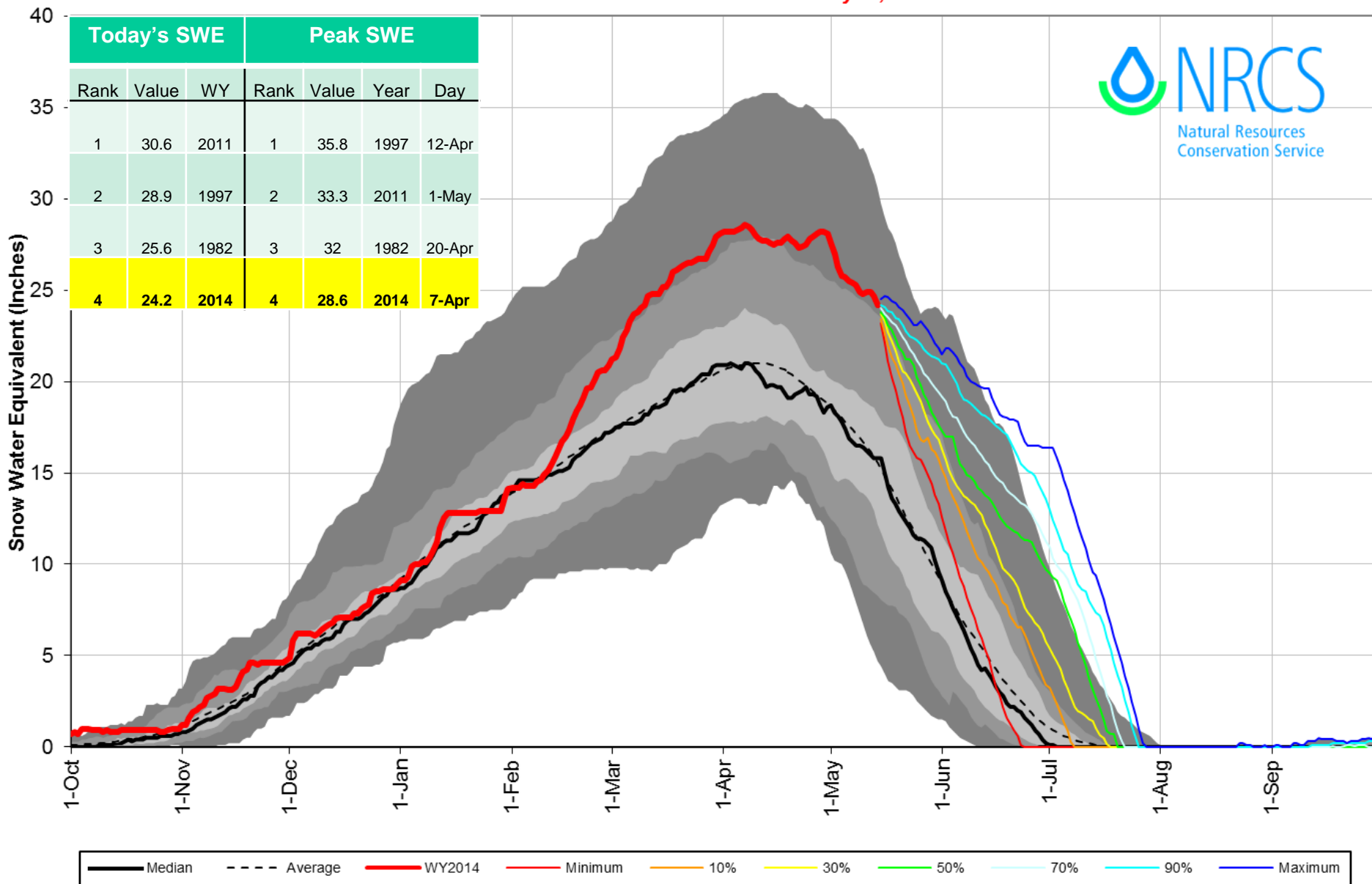


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## Columbia River Basin in Montana with Non-Exceedence Projections

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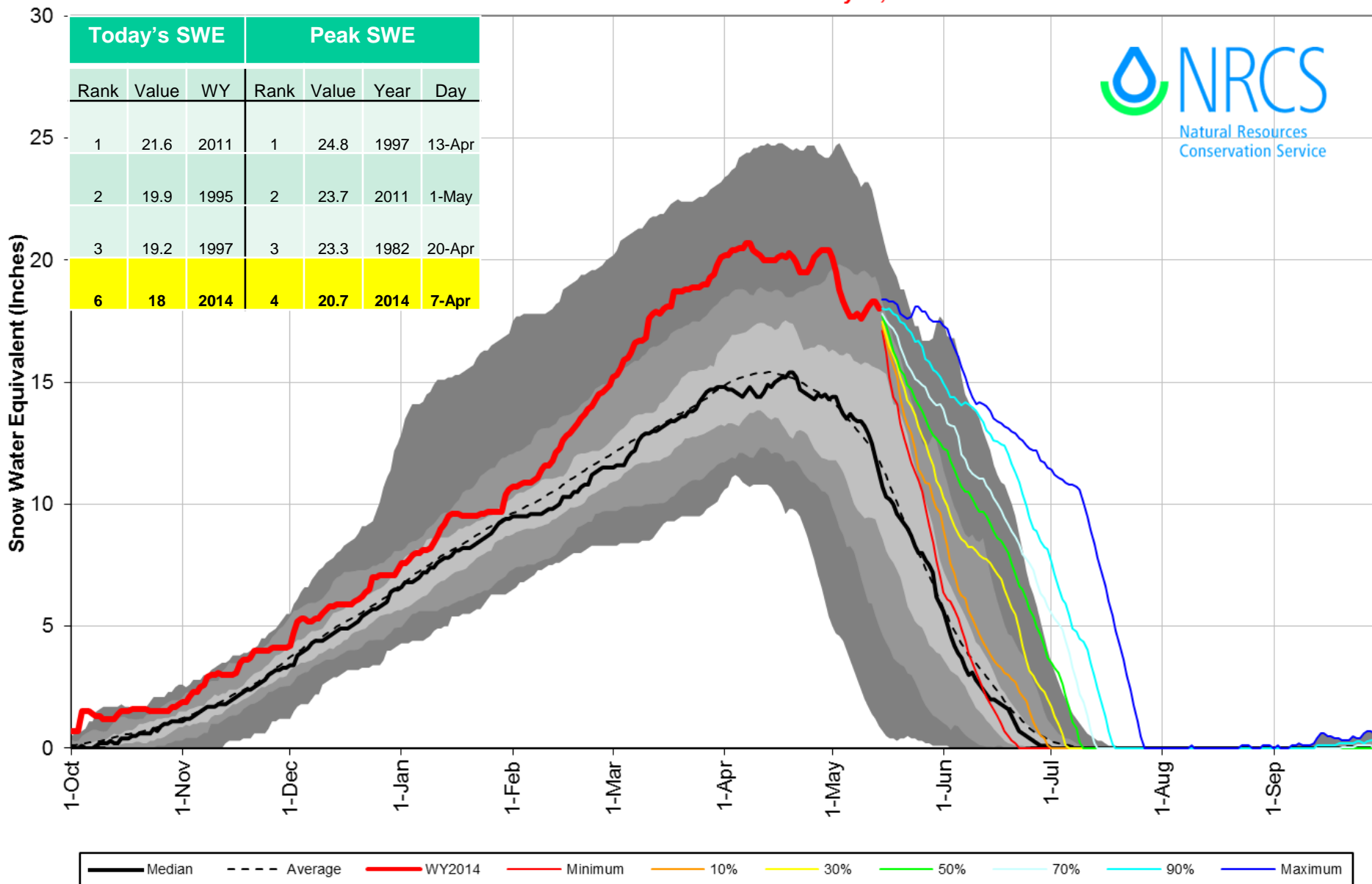


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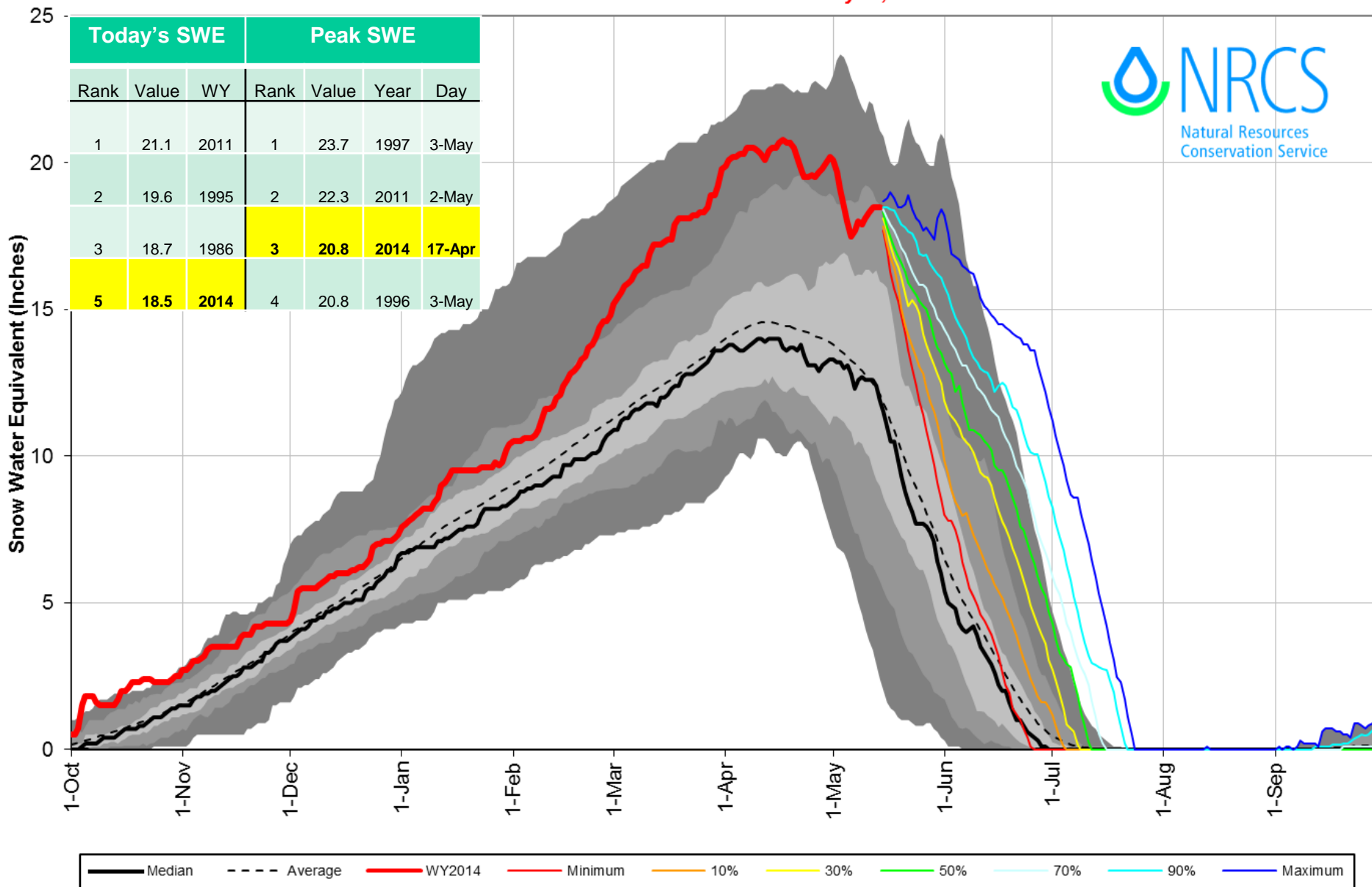
## Missouri R. ab Ft. Peck Snowpack with Non-Exceedence Projections

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## Yellowstone River Basin Snowpack with Non-Exceedence Projections

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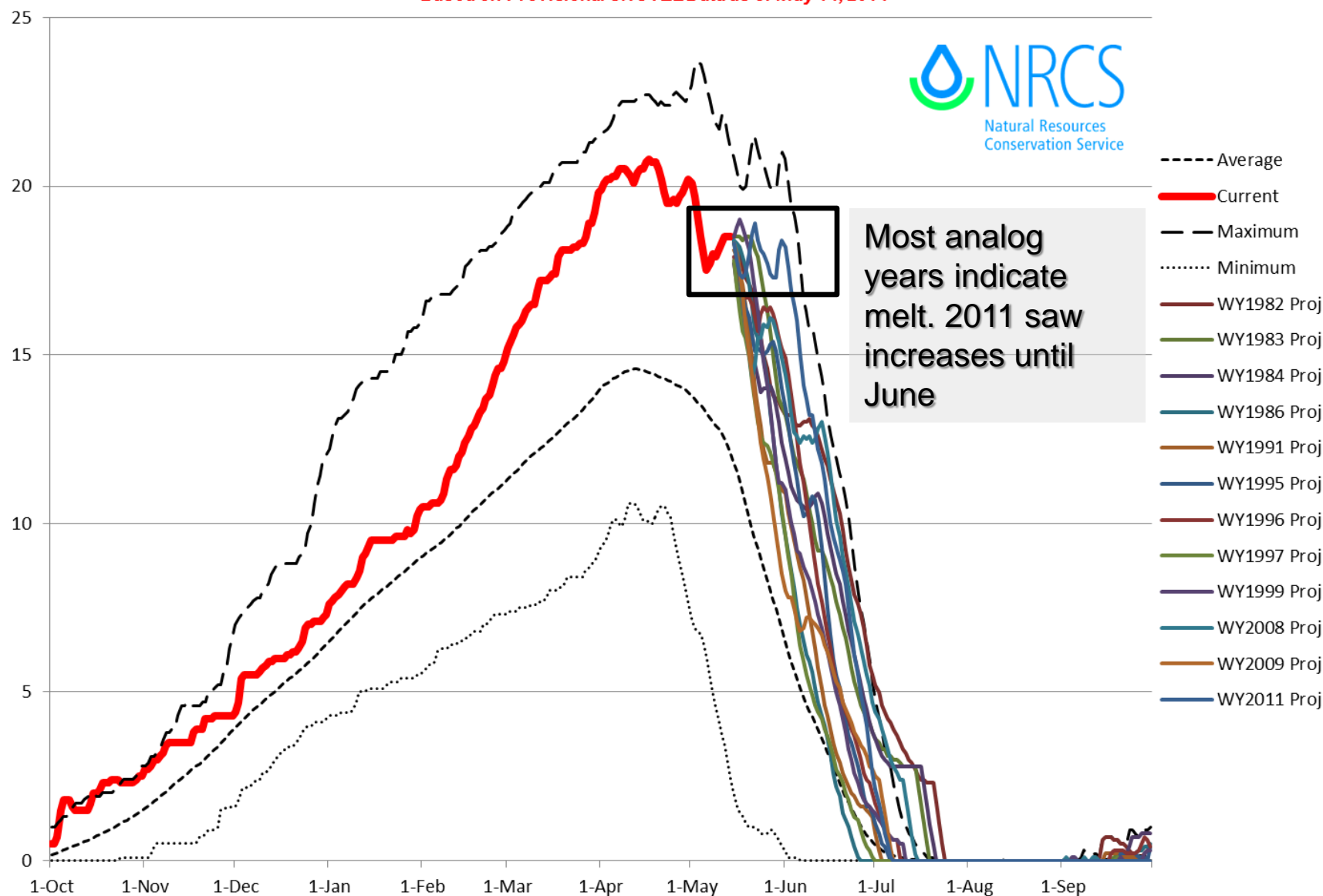


# Montana Snow Survey



## Yellowstone River Basin Snowpack with Select Analog Year Projections

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## Montana Snowpack Summary

Showing Data For 5/14/2014	% Normal	7 Day % Change	Last Year % Normal	Percent of Last Year	% of This Year's Peak	Normal % Peak	% Peak Difference
Columbia In Montana	162%	8%	79%	206%	87%	75%	+12%
East of Divide	153%	15%	64%	240%	88%	82%	+6%
Missouri Headwaters	144%	16%	59%	246%	90%	84%	+6%
Missouri River Basin	154%	17%	60%	256%	87%	79%	+8%
Yellowstone River Basin	154%	13%	67%	230%	89%	85%	+4%
St. Mary & Milk Basin	138%	-19%	104%	133%	74%	72%	+2%
<b>Montana Watersheds</b>	<b>156%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>226%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>+8%</b>

- Considering magnitude of snow this winter snow melt has played out ideally so far, though a bit behind schedule.

- In most basins snowmelt has only started occurring at higher elevation after the first week in May, but low and mid elevations have been actively melting.

West of the Divide –

- Snowmelt is actively occurring at rates from 0.5-1.0” SWE per day during warming events at low to mid elevations. Higher elevations have not shown much movement, but have started to show response and will begin contributing to hydrograph. Snow melt is delayed compared to normal.

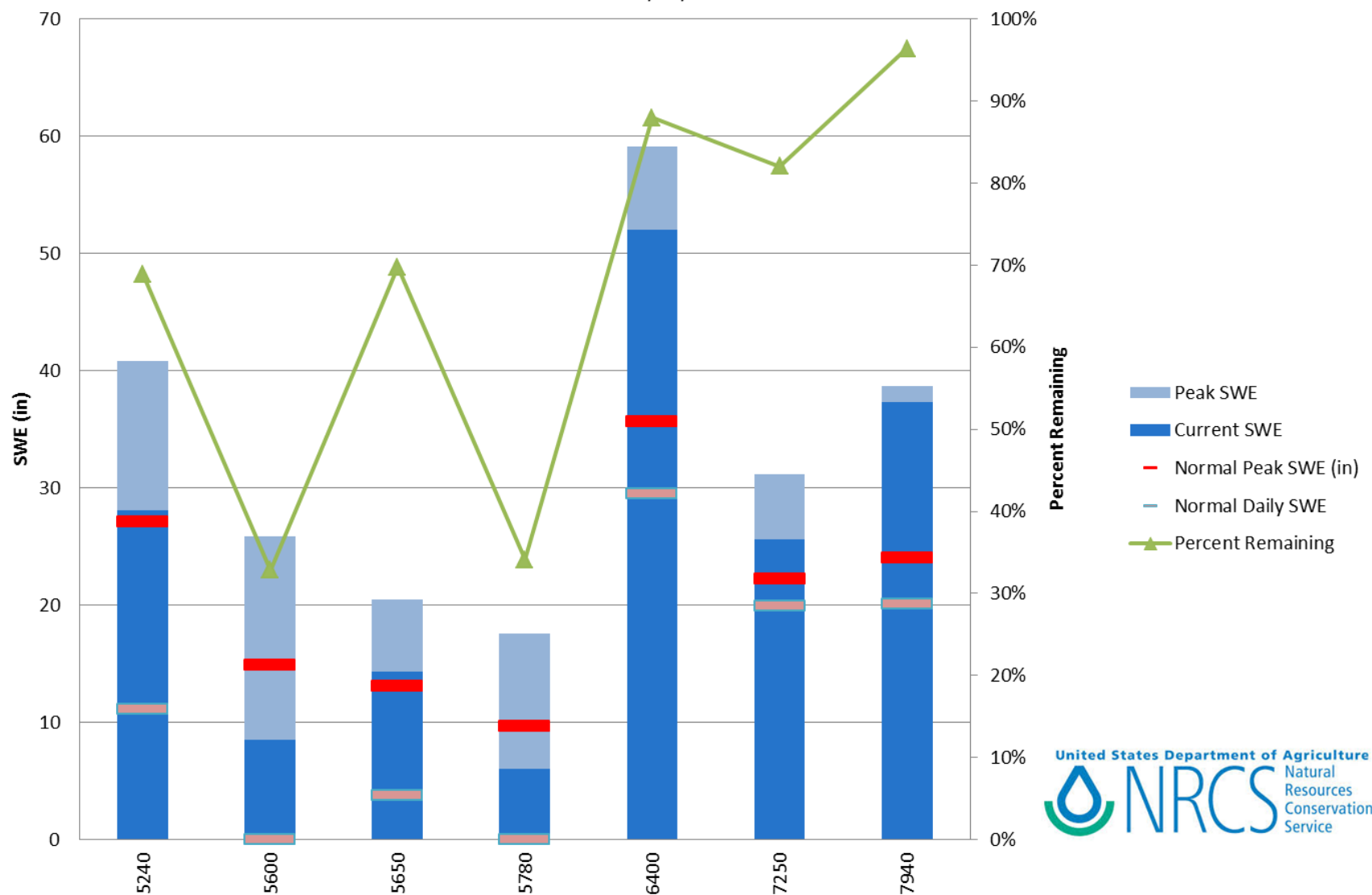
East of the Divide –

- Higher elevation basins may have experienced SWE peak at end of April before the big warm up. Snowmelt is actively occurring during warming events, and slows during cooler periods. High elevations have exhibited little snowmelt to date, but appear to be trending towards a more active melt pattern.

## Bitterroot River Basin

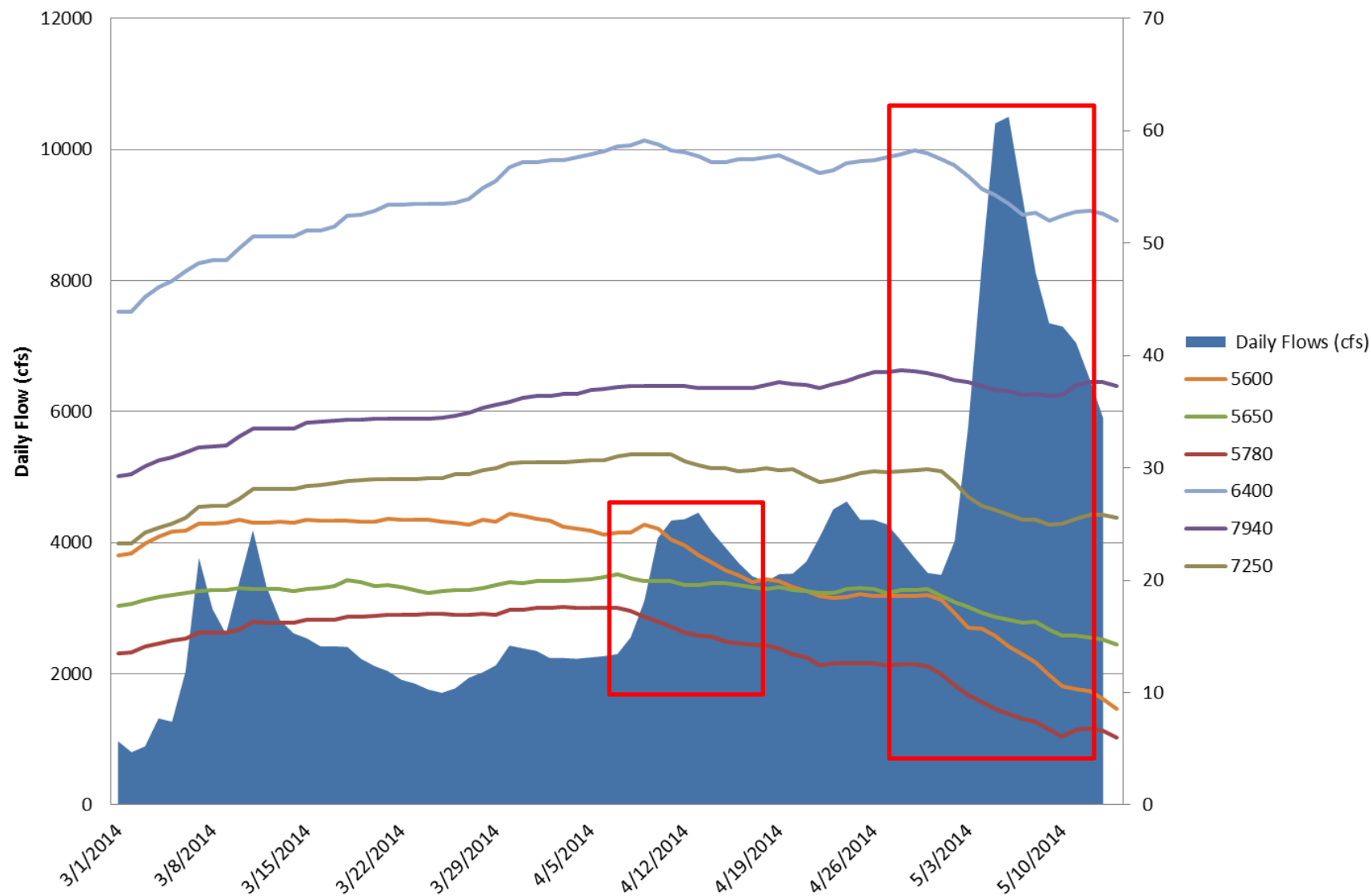
Percent Remaining Snowpack

5/14/2014





## Bitterroot near Missoula Daily Average Flow vs SWE



## Volumetric Streamflow Forecasts

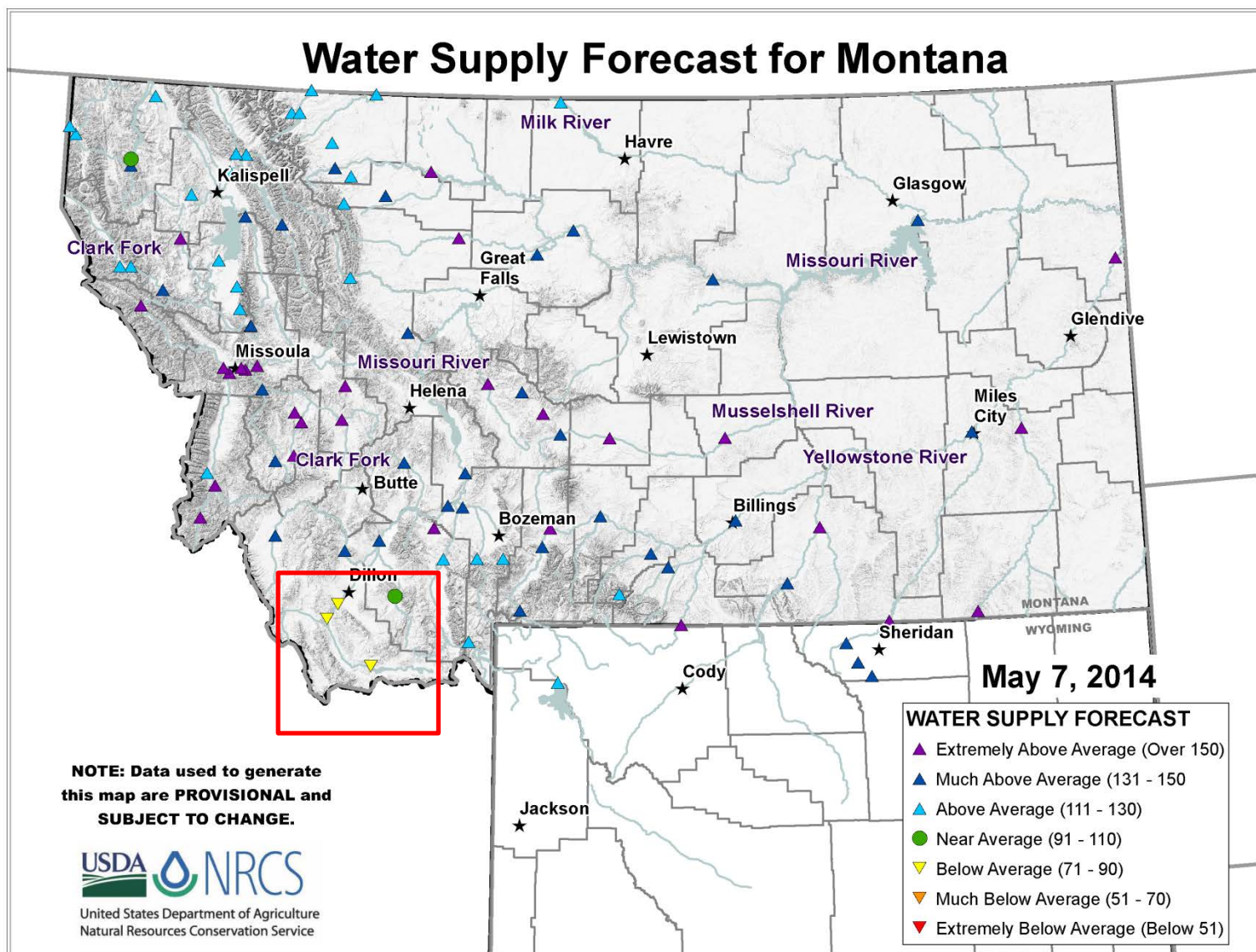
Based on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 Data

Basin	May-Jul 50% Forecast (KAF)	Average (KAF)	Last Year Obs Streamflow (KAF)	% of Avg	% of Last Year Streamflow
Columbia River Basin	68939.7	51477	53074.0	134%	130%
East Of Divide	61848.6	42986.4	32520.4	144%	190%
Missouri Headwaters Basins	4636	3555.9	1871.2	130%	246%
Missouri Mainstem Basins	29828.6	20624.5	16327.8	145%	182%
Missouri River Basin	34464.6	24180.4	18199.0	143%	189%
Yellowstone River Basin	27384	18806	14321.4	146%	191%
St. Mary	952	884.7	968.3	108%	98%
<b>STATE OF MONTANA</b>	<b>131740</b>	<b>95289.4</b>	<b>86500.0</b>	<b>138%</b>	<b>152%</b>

\*\*\*Above numbers are the averages of all forecasts points in the particular basins

- Four forecasts are projected to be “below” average, all in Southwest Montana
  - Ruby River Reservoir Inflow - 94% average
  - Beaverhead River at Barrets - 85% average
  - Clark Canyon Inflow - 80% average
  - Lima Reservoir Inflow - 72% average
- Majority forecasts for individual river systems are predicted to be between 115 to 160% of average. A few individual forecasts above 200% of average, so a close watch is required on timing of flows.

## Water Supply Forecast for Montana



# Extremely above average flows May-July

Based on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 Data

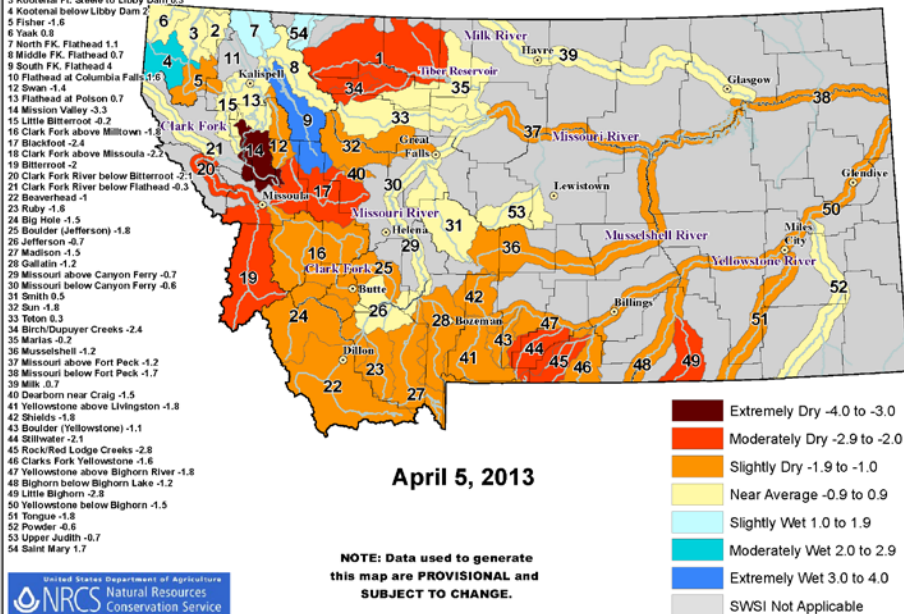
Basin	May-Jul 50% Forecast (KAF)	Average (KAF)	Last Year Obs Streamflow (KAF)	% of Avg	% of Last Year Streamflow
<b>Smith-Judith -Musselshell River Basins</b>	<b>444.6</b>	<b>244.7</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>182%</b>	<b>341%</b>
MUSSELSHELL R AT HARLOWTON	94	48	23.2	196%	406%
MUSSELSHELL R NR ROUNDUP	131	54	19.8	243%	663%
<b>Upper Clark Fork River Basin</b>	<b>3950.9</b>	<b>2469</b>	<b>1945.3</b>	<b>160%</b>	<b>203%</b>
LOWER WILLOW CK RESERVOIR INFLOW	16	8.5	4.1	188%	391%
NEVADA CK NR HELMVILLE	25	11	5.6	227%	191%
<b>Bitterroot River Basin</b>	<b>2405</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>1159.3</b>	<b>158%</b>	<b>207%</b>
WF BITTERROOT R NR CONNER	185	109	82.2	170%	225%



# RIVER INDEX & SWSI VALUES

- 1 Marias above Tiber Reservoir -2.1
- 2 Tobacco 0.2
- 3 Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam 0.3
- 4 Kootenai below Libby Dam 2
- 5 Fisher -1.6
- 6 Yaak 0.8
- 7 North FK. Flathead 1.1
- 8 Middle FK. Flathead 0.7
- 9 South FK. Flathead 4
- 10 Flathead at Columbia Falls -1.6
- 11 Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers
- 12 Swan -1.4
- 13 Flathead at Polson 0.7
- 14 Mission Valley -3.3
- 15 Little Bitterroot -0.2
- 16 Clark Fork above Milltown -1.3
- 17 Blackfoot -2.4
- 18 Clark Fork above Missoula -2.2
- 19 Bitterroot -2
- 20 Clark Fork River below Bitterroot 2.9
- 21 Clark Fork River below Flathead -0.3
- 22 Beaverhead -1
- 23 Ruby -1.8
- 24 Big Hole -1.5
- 25 Boulder (Jefferson) -1.8
- 26 Jefferson -0.7
- 27 Madison -1.5
- 28 Gallatin -1.2
- 29 Missouri above Canyon Ferry -0.7
- 30 Missouri below Canyon Ferry -0.8
- 31 Smith 0.5
- 32 Sun -1.8
- 33 Teton 0.3
- 34 Birch/Dupuyer Creeks -2.4
- 35 Marias -0.2
- 36 Musselshell -1.2
- 37 Missouri above Fort Peck -1.2
- 38 Missouri below Fort Peck -1.7
- 39 Milk -0.7
- 40 Dearborn near Craig -1.5
- 41 Yellowstone above Livingston -1.8
- 42 Shields -1.8
- 43 Boulder (Yellowstone) -1.1
- 44 Stillwater -2.1
- 45 Rock/Red Lodge Creeks -2.8
- 46 Clark Fork Yellowstone -1.6
- 47 Yellowstone above Bighorn River -1.8
- 48 Bighorn below Bighorn Lake -1.2
- 49 Little Bighorn -2.8
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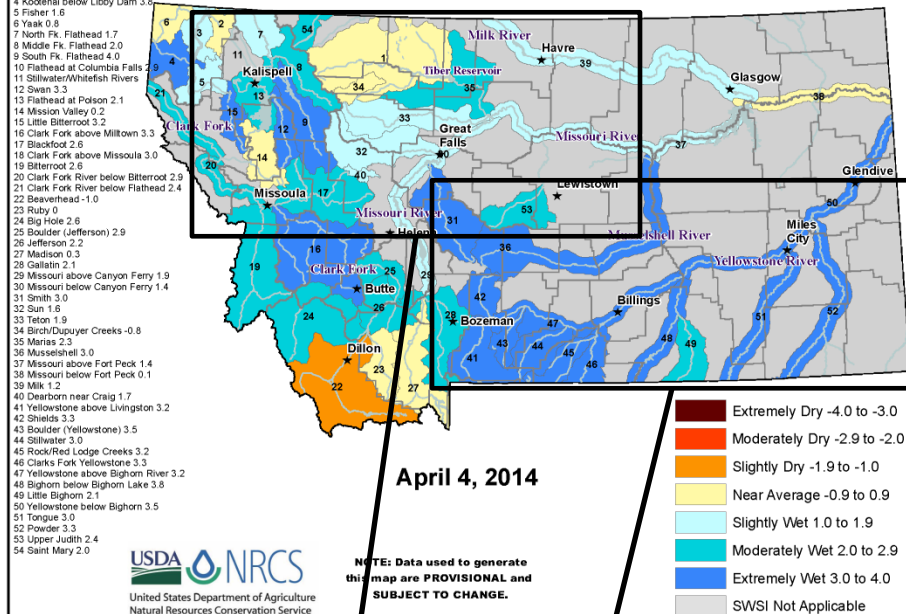
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- 5 Fisher 1.6
- 6 Yaak 0.8
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- 9 South FK. Flathead 4.0
- 10 Flathead at Columbia Falls 2.9
- 11 Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers
- 12 Swan 3.3
- 13 Flathead at Polson 2.1
- 14 Mission Valley 0.2
- 15 Little Bitterroot 3.2
- 16 Clark Fork above Milltown 3.3
- 17 Blackfoot 2.6
- 18 Clark Fork above Missoula 3.0
- 19 Bitterroot 2.6
- 20 Clark Fork River below Bitterroot 2.9
- 21 Clark Fork River below Flathead 2.4
- 22 Beaverhead -1.0
- 23 Ruby 0
- 24 Big Hole 2.6
- 25 Boulder (Jefferson) 2.9
- 26 Jefferson 2.2
- 27 Madison 0.3
- 28 Gallatin 2.1
- 29 Missouri above Canyon Ferry 1.9
- 30 Missouri below Canyon Ferry 1.4
- 31 Smith 3.0
- 32 Sun 1.6
- 33 Teton 1.9
- 34 Birch/Dupuyer Creeks -0.8
- 35 Marias 2.3
- 36 Musselshell 3.0
- 37 Missouri above Fort Peck 1.4
- 38 Missouri below Fort Peck 0.1
- 39 Milk 1.2
- 40 Dearborn near Craig 1.7
- 41 Yellowstone above Livingston 3.2
- 42 Shields 3.3
- 43 Boulder (Yellowstone) 3.5
- 44 Stillwater 3.0
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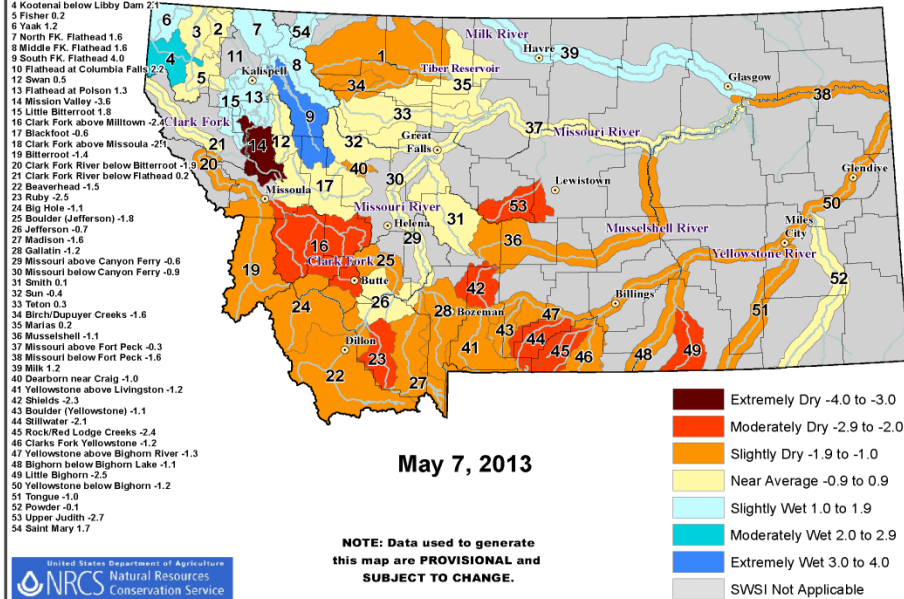
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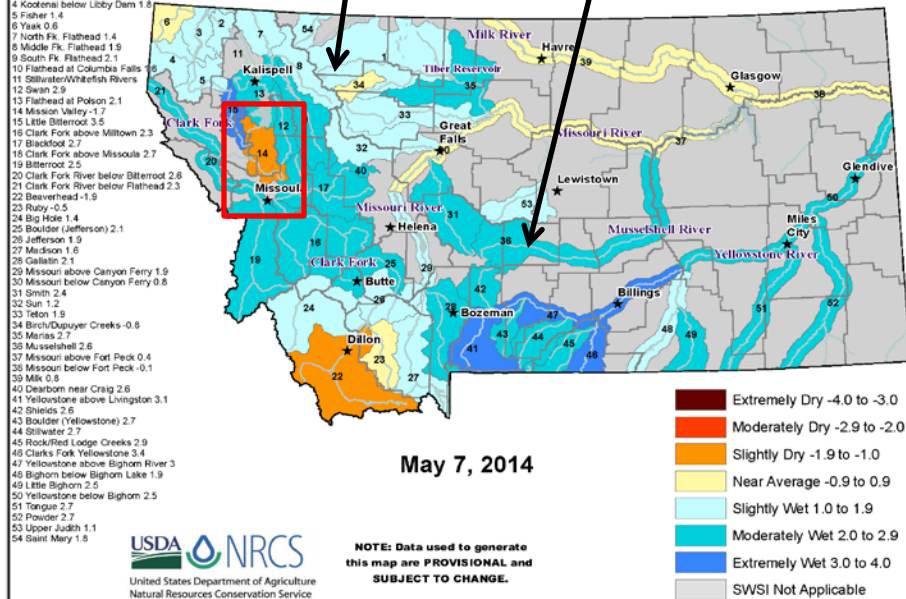
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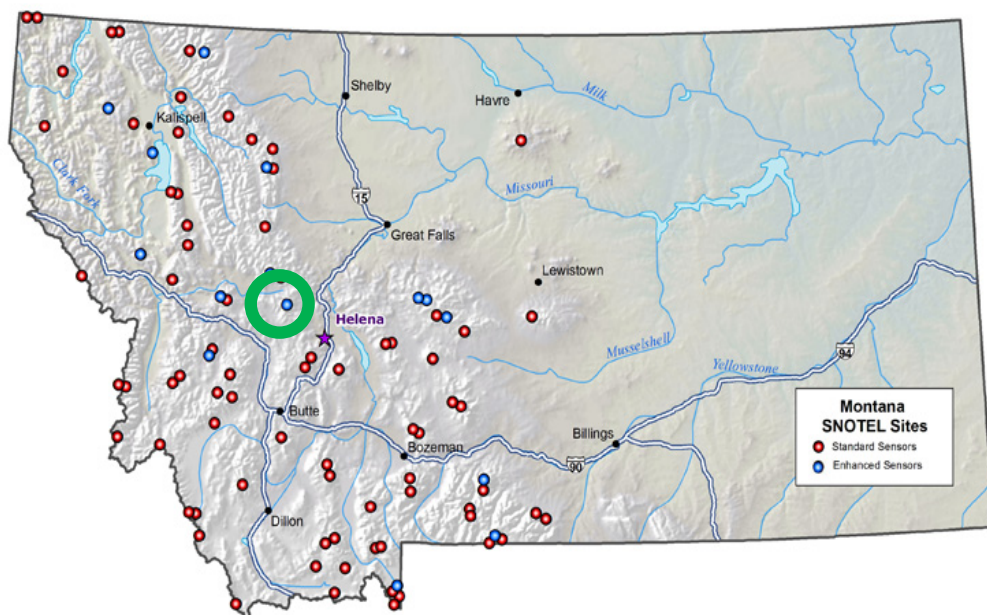
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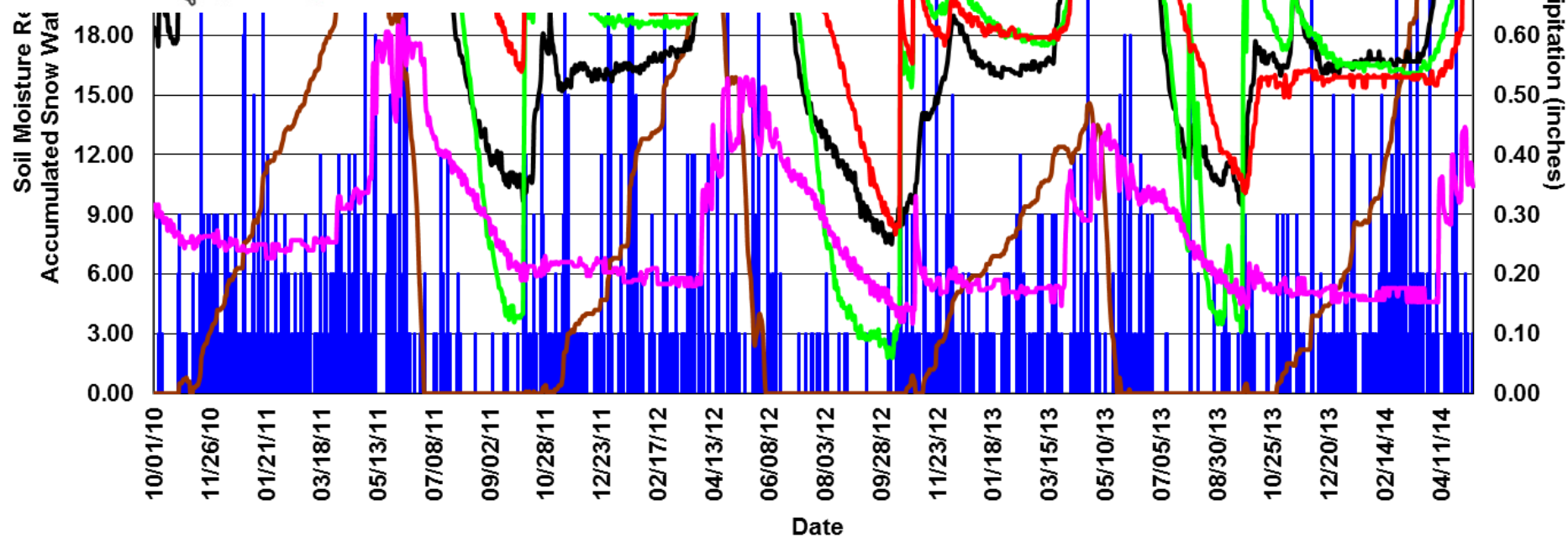


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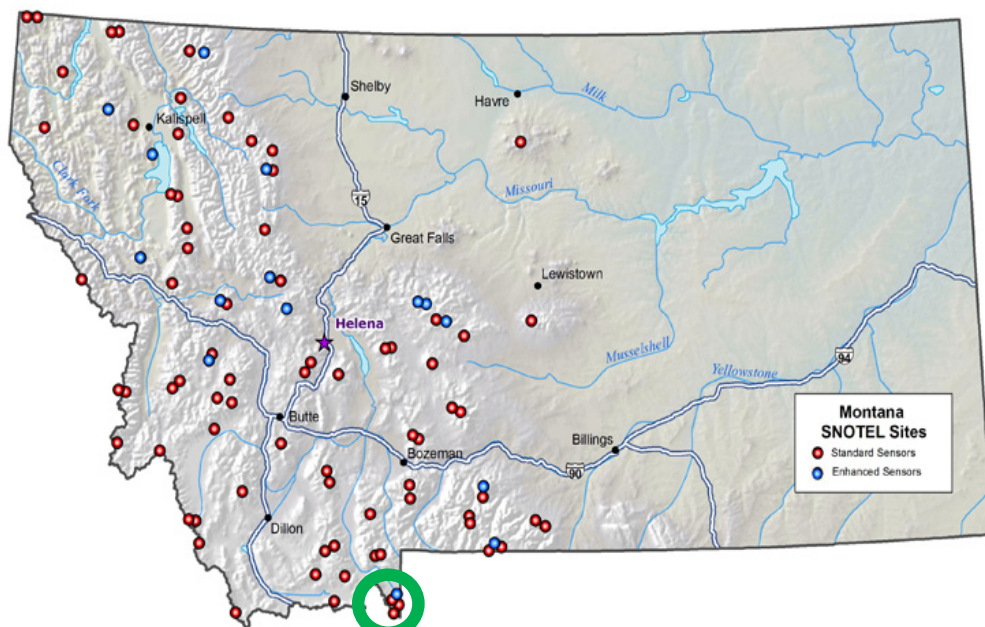


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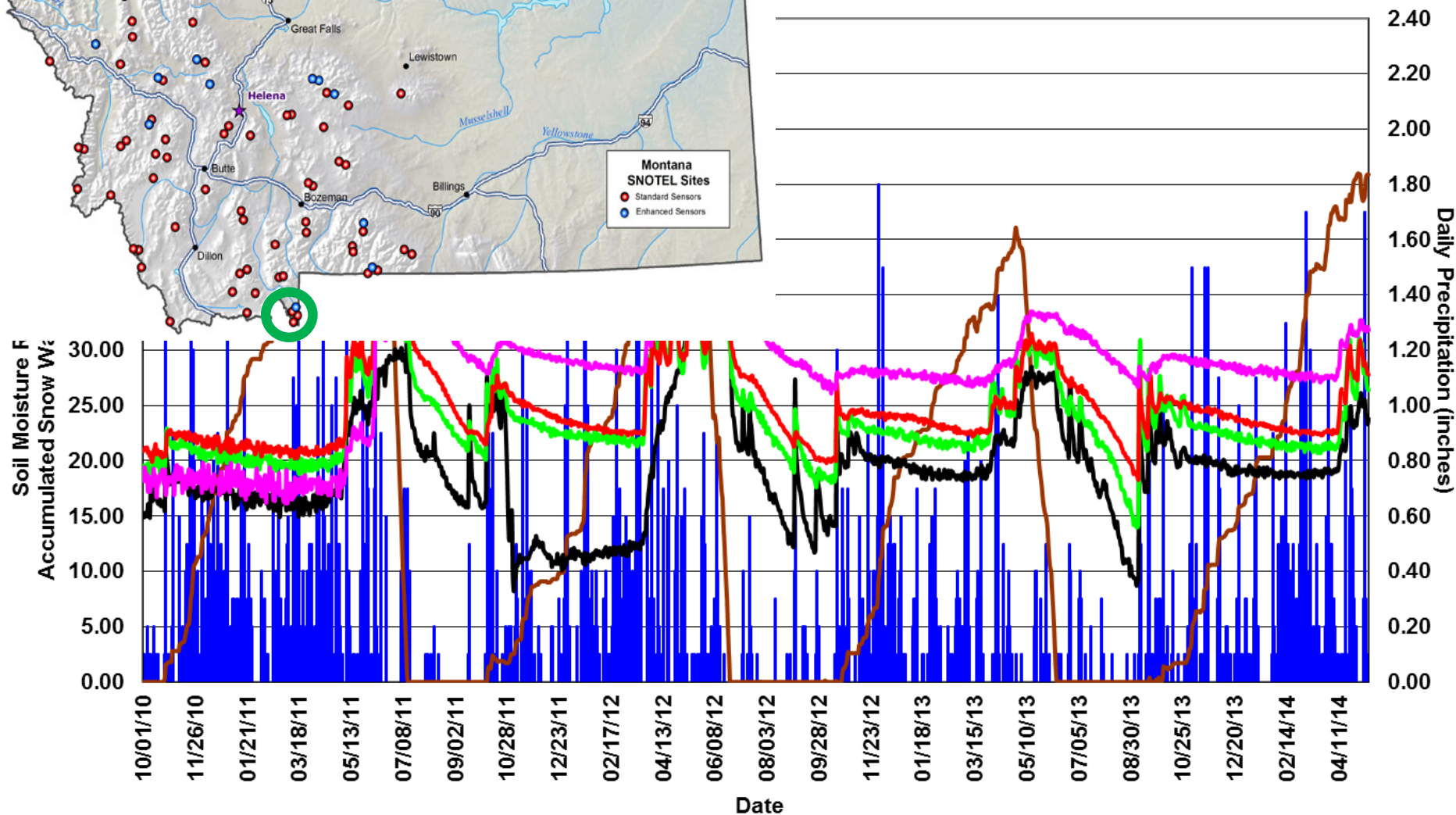


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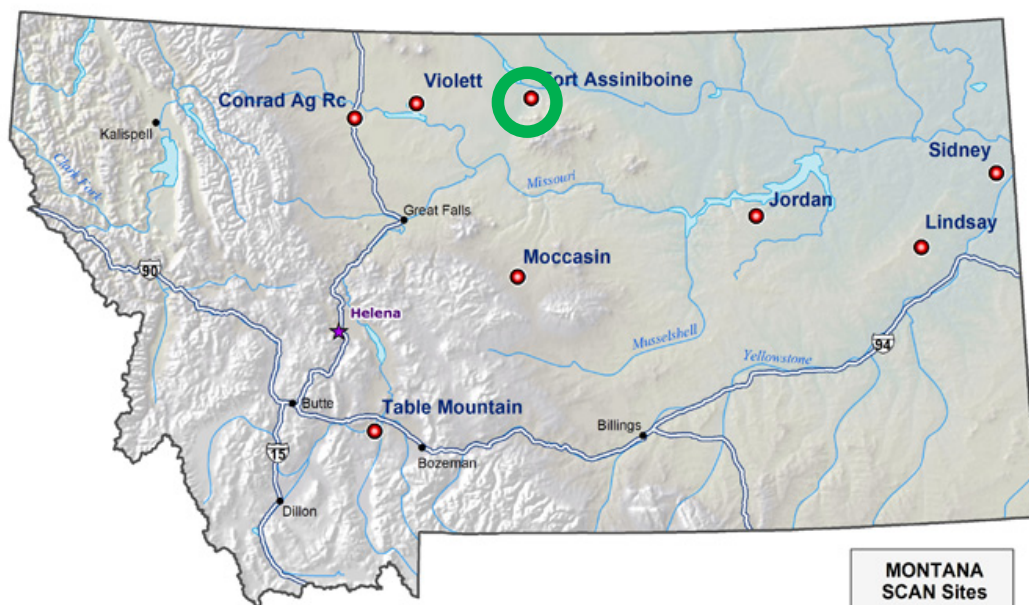


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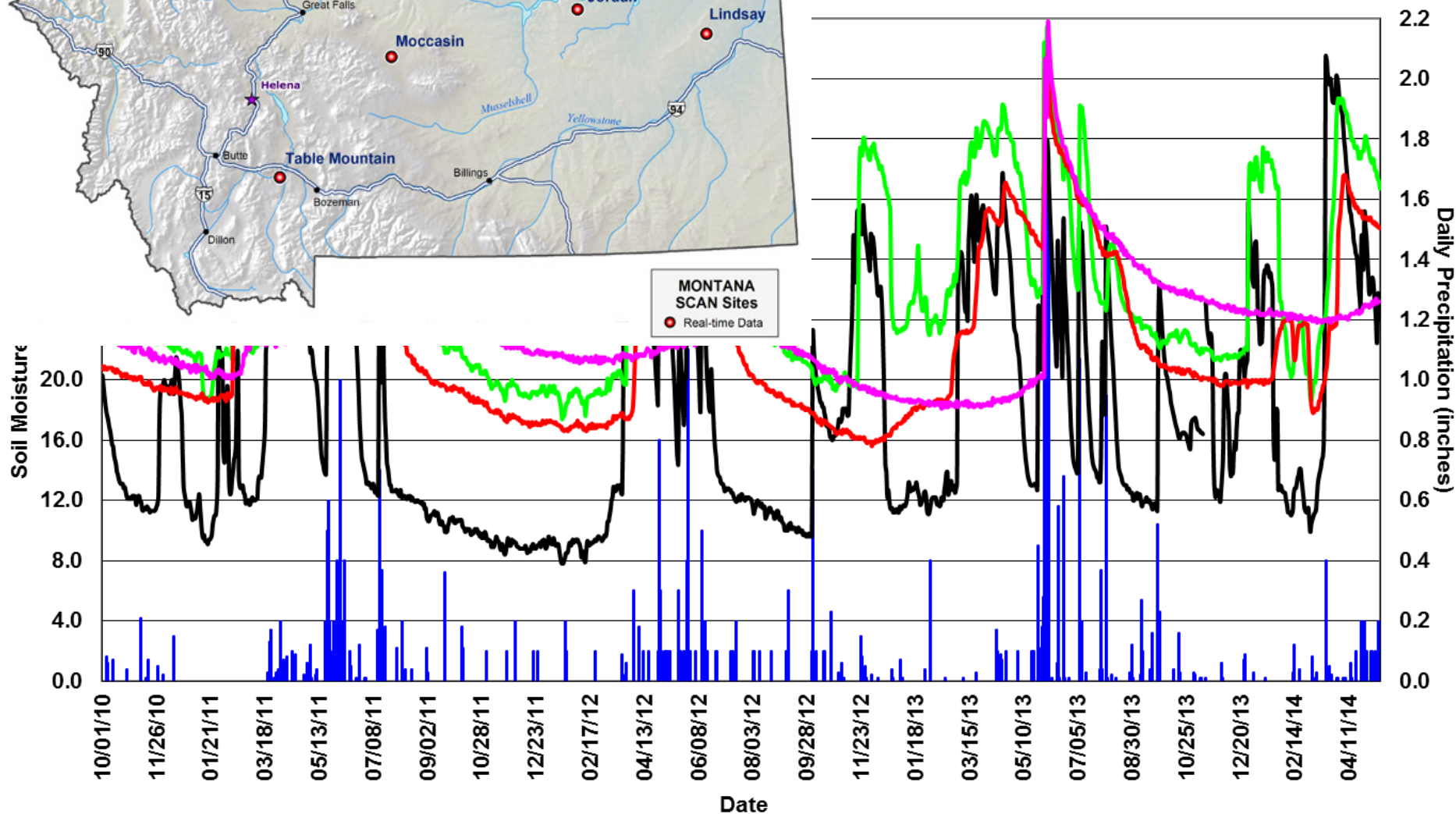


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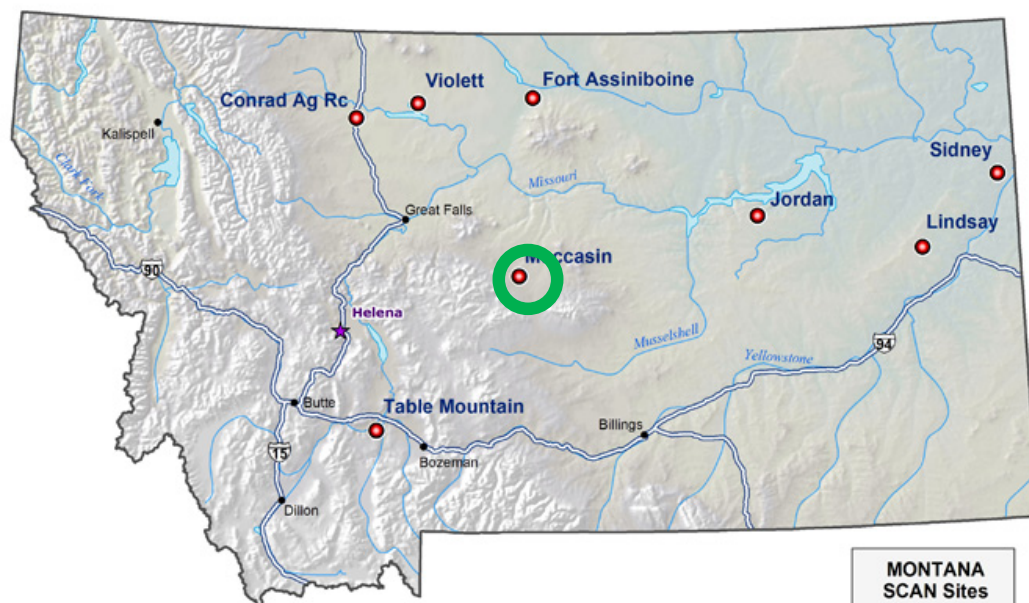
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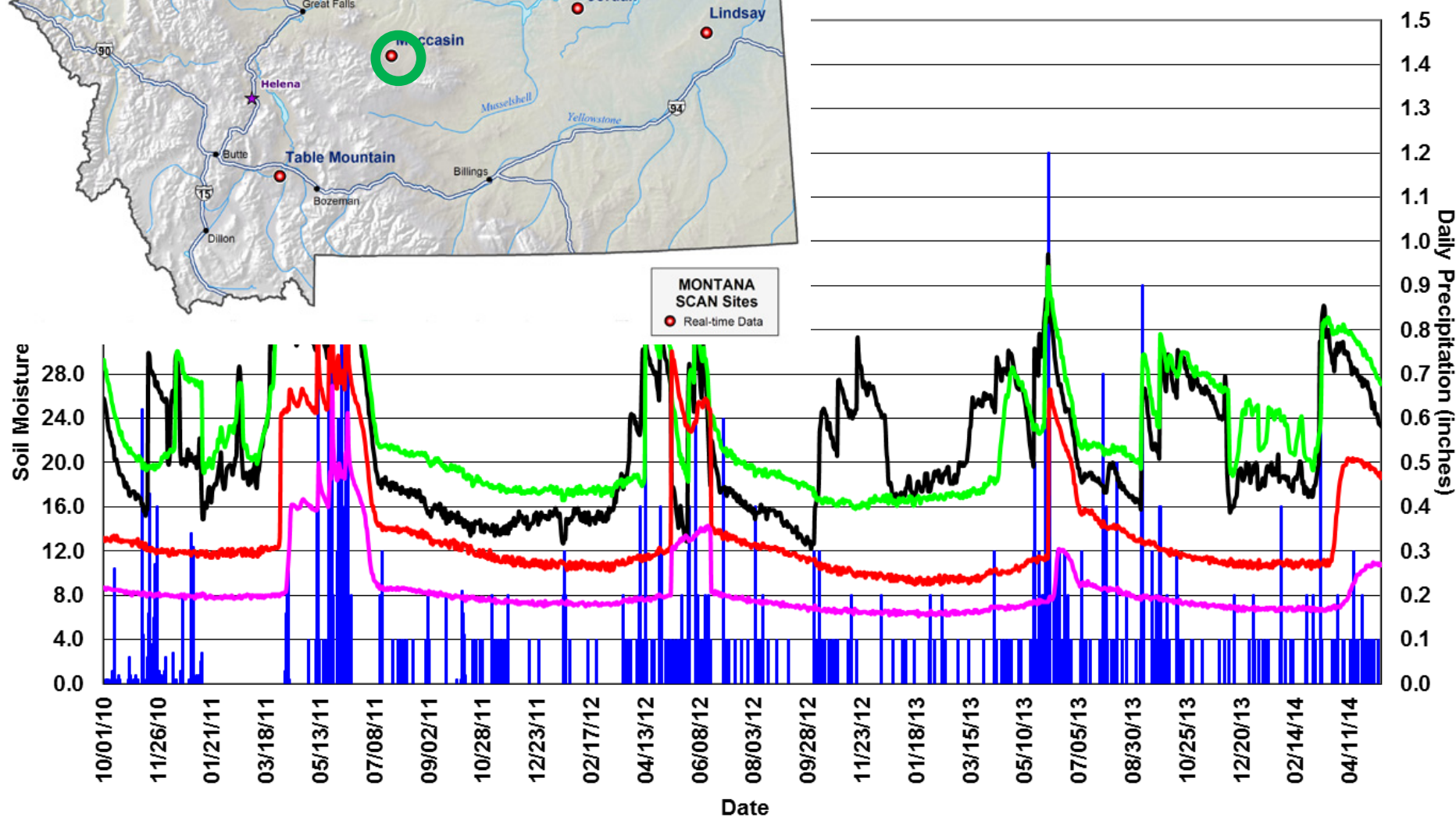


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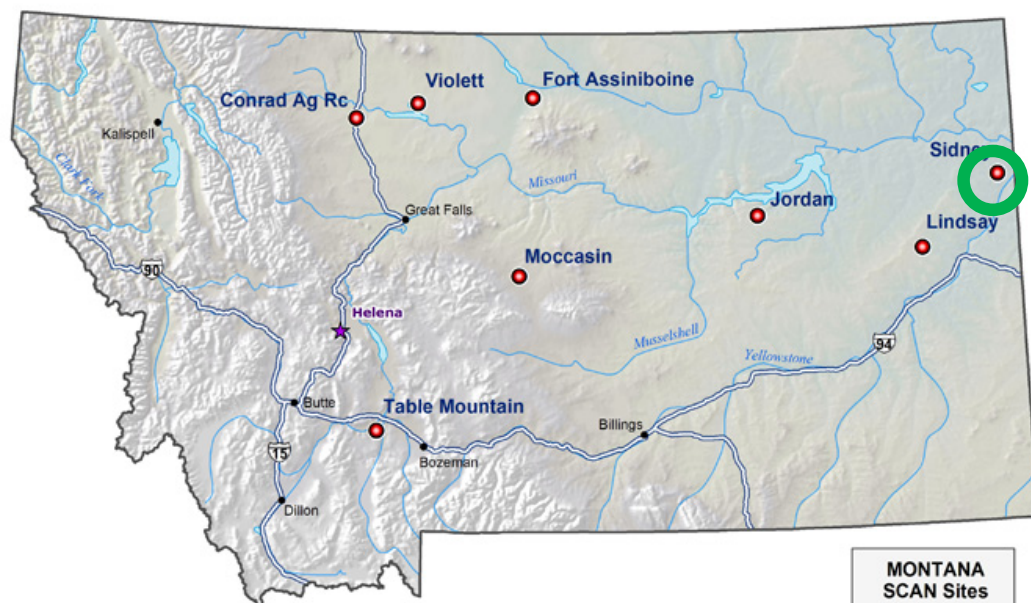


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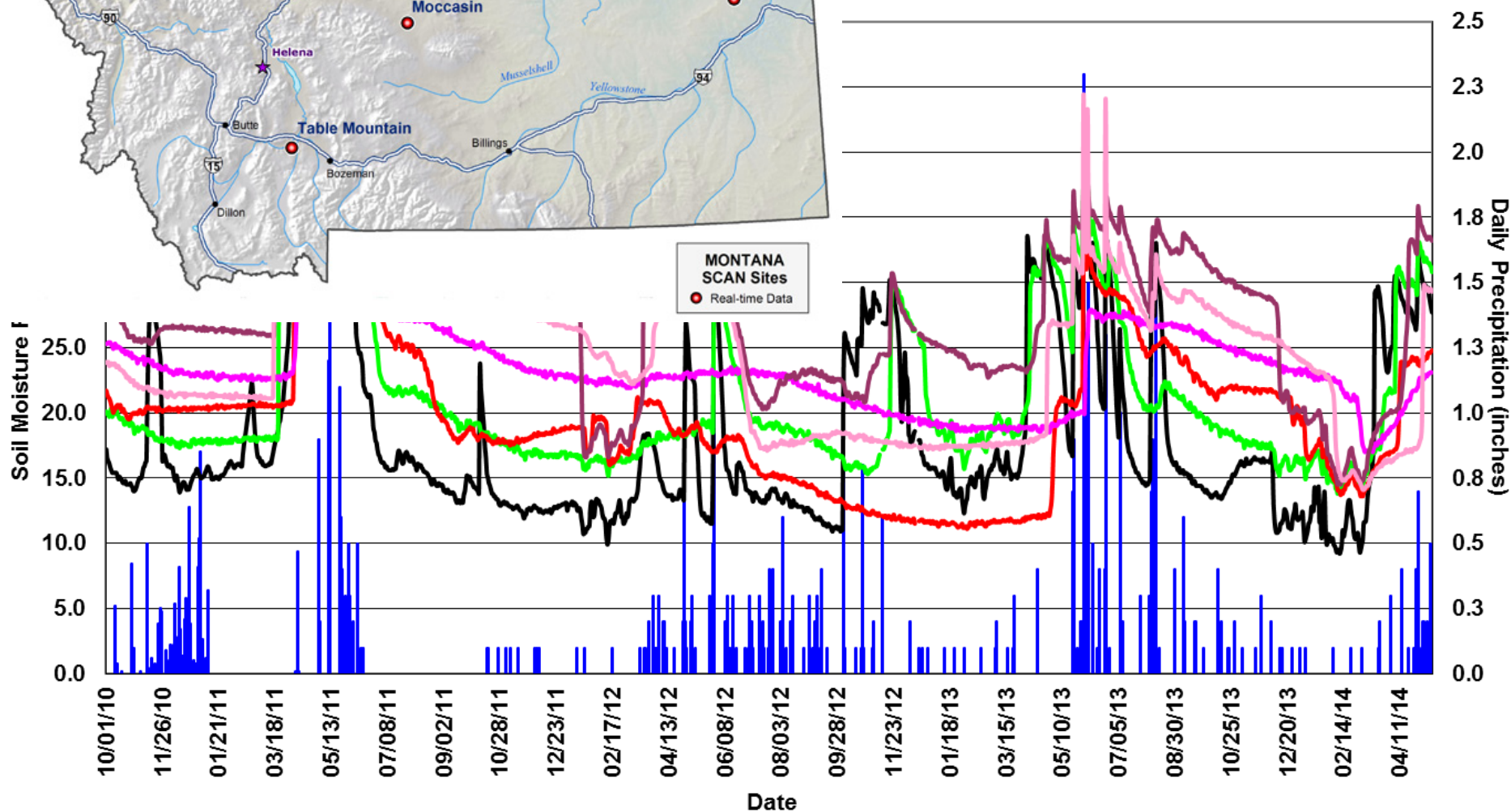
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Grass Avg 8" SMR      Grass Avg 20" SMR  
Field Avg 40" SMR

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## Summary

- Snowpack melt timing is pretty close to a normal rate for this time of year, although it was delayed slightly in April.
  - Warm & Sunny weather followed by periods of cooler cloudier (and some snow) has been ideal in compartmentalizing snowmelt to certain elevations.
  - Given the volume of snow water equivalent we accumulated this winter, this pattern has been the best case scenario
- Basin percentages of normal are now relating to a “normally” melting snowpack. Significantly above percentages indicate the above normal winter snowfall and delayed/slow basin melt rates.
- Streamflow response to significant snowmelt has been limited until after the early part of May. Low to Mid elevation melt has driven the flows we have experienced. Higher elevations are yet to come.
- May-July streamflow forecasts indicate well above average stream flows for the period. Most basins range from 115 to 160% of average with a few that are significantly higher. Consult the May 1<sup>st</sup> Water Supply Outlook Report for more detailed information.

[http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/mt/snow/?cid=nrcs144p2\\_057799](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/mt/snow/?cid=nrcs144p2_057799)

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**Snow Survey and Water Supply Report**  
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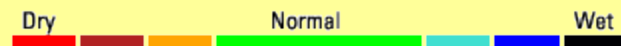
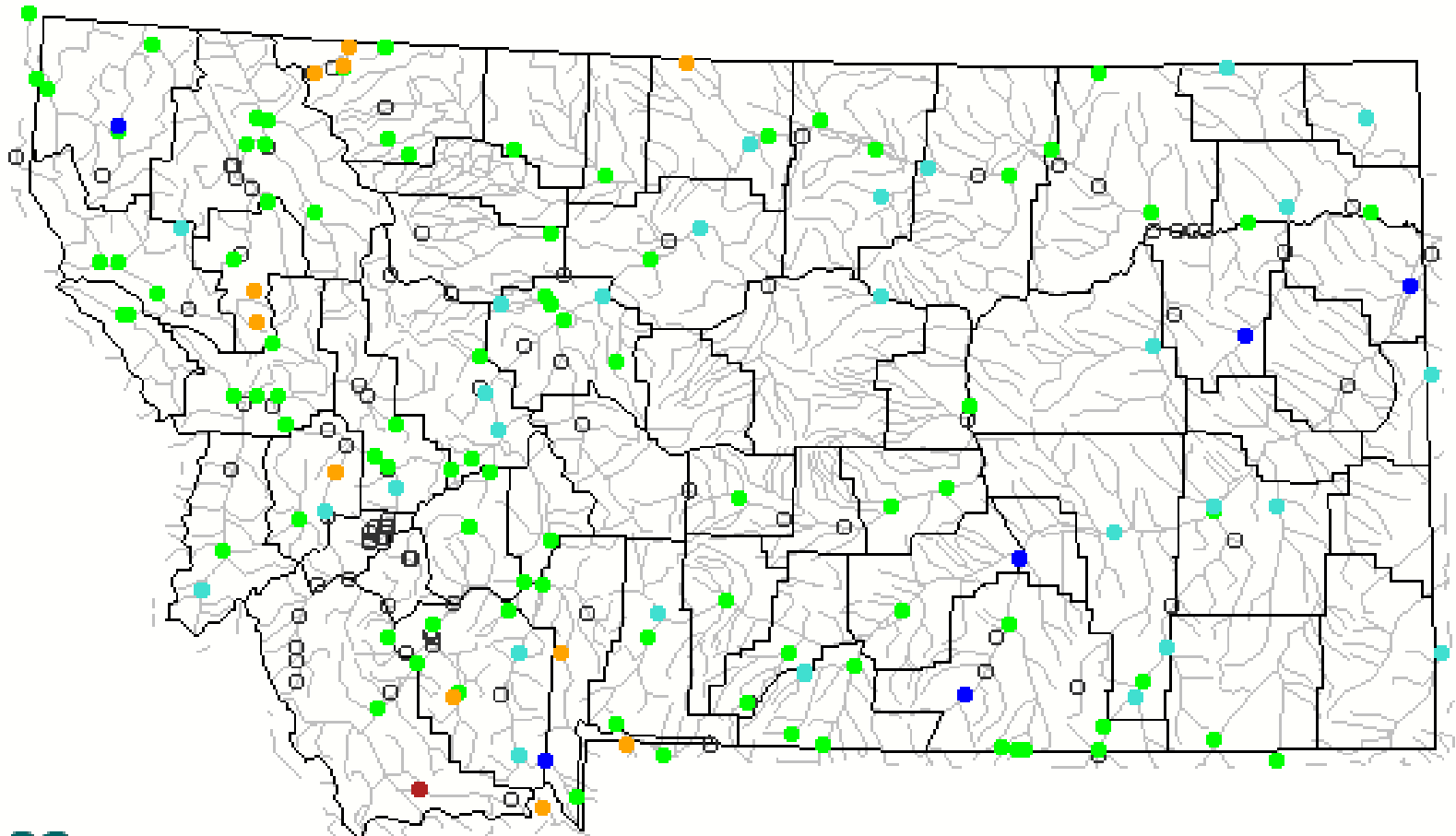


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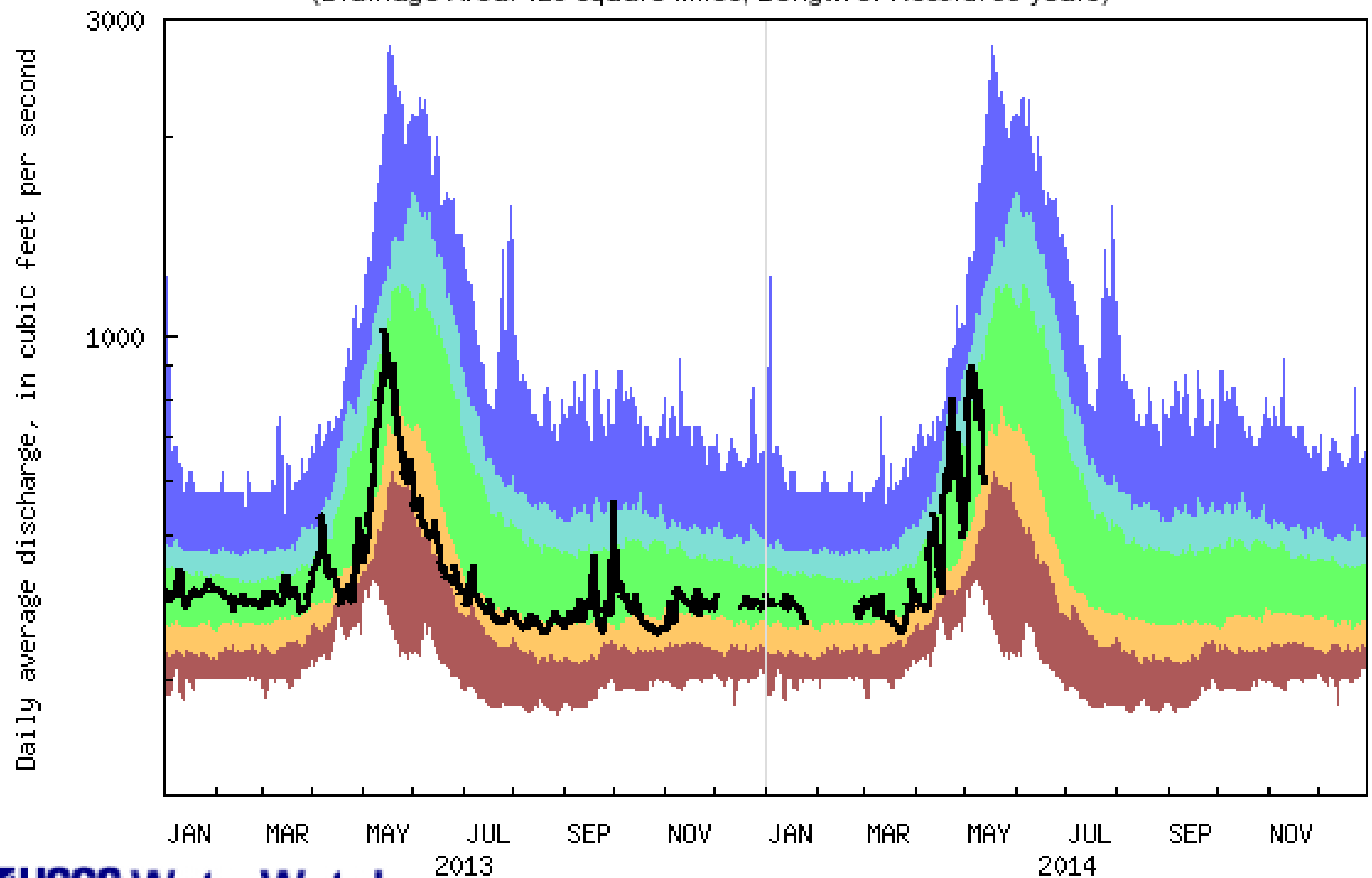
# DAILY STREAMFLOW CONDITIONS

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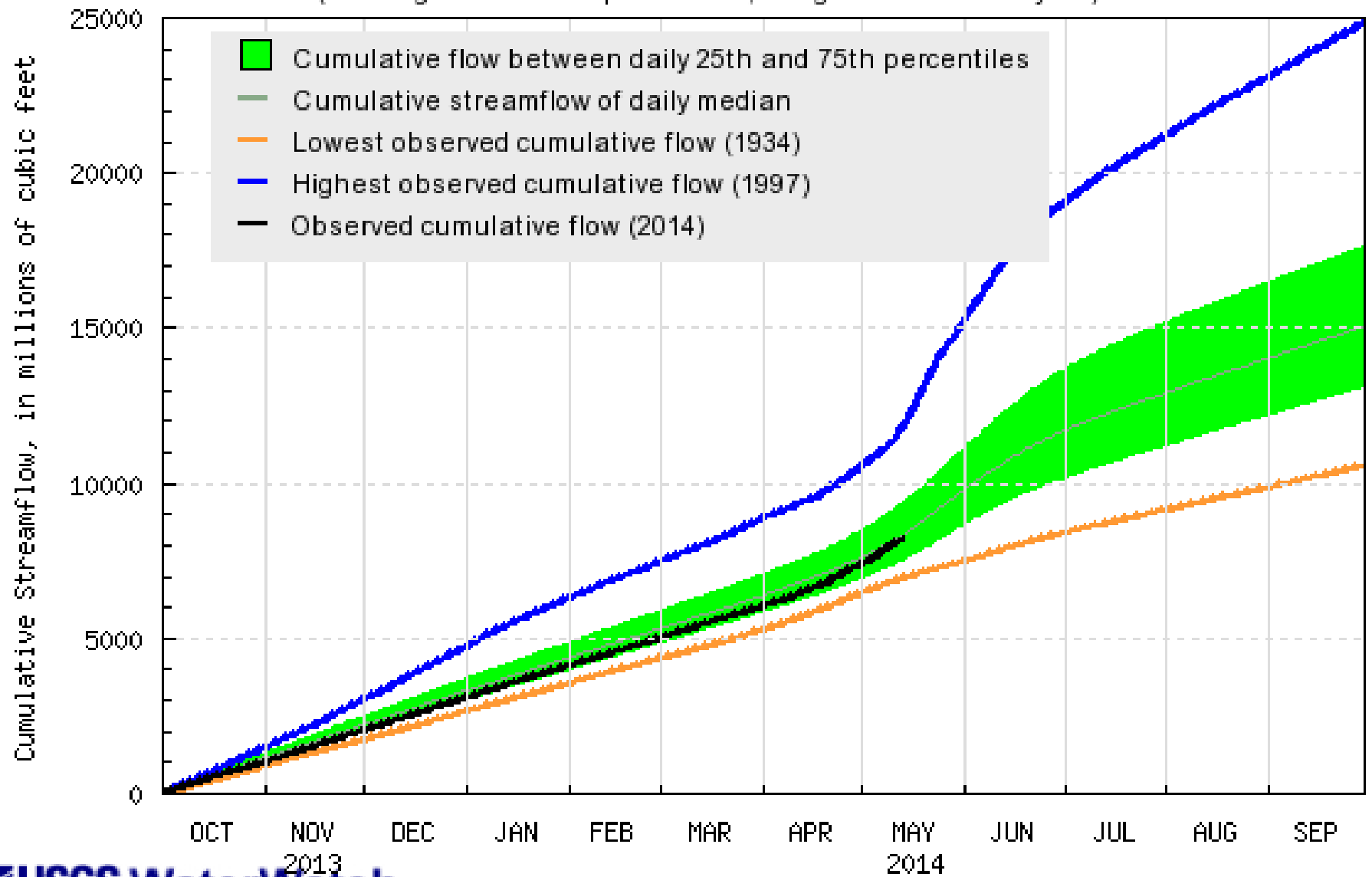


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(Drainage Area: 420 square miles, Length of Record: 99 years)

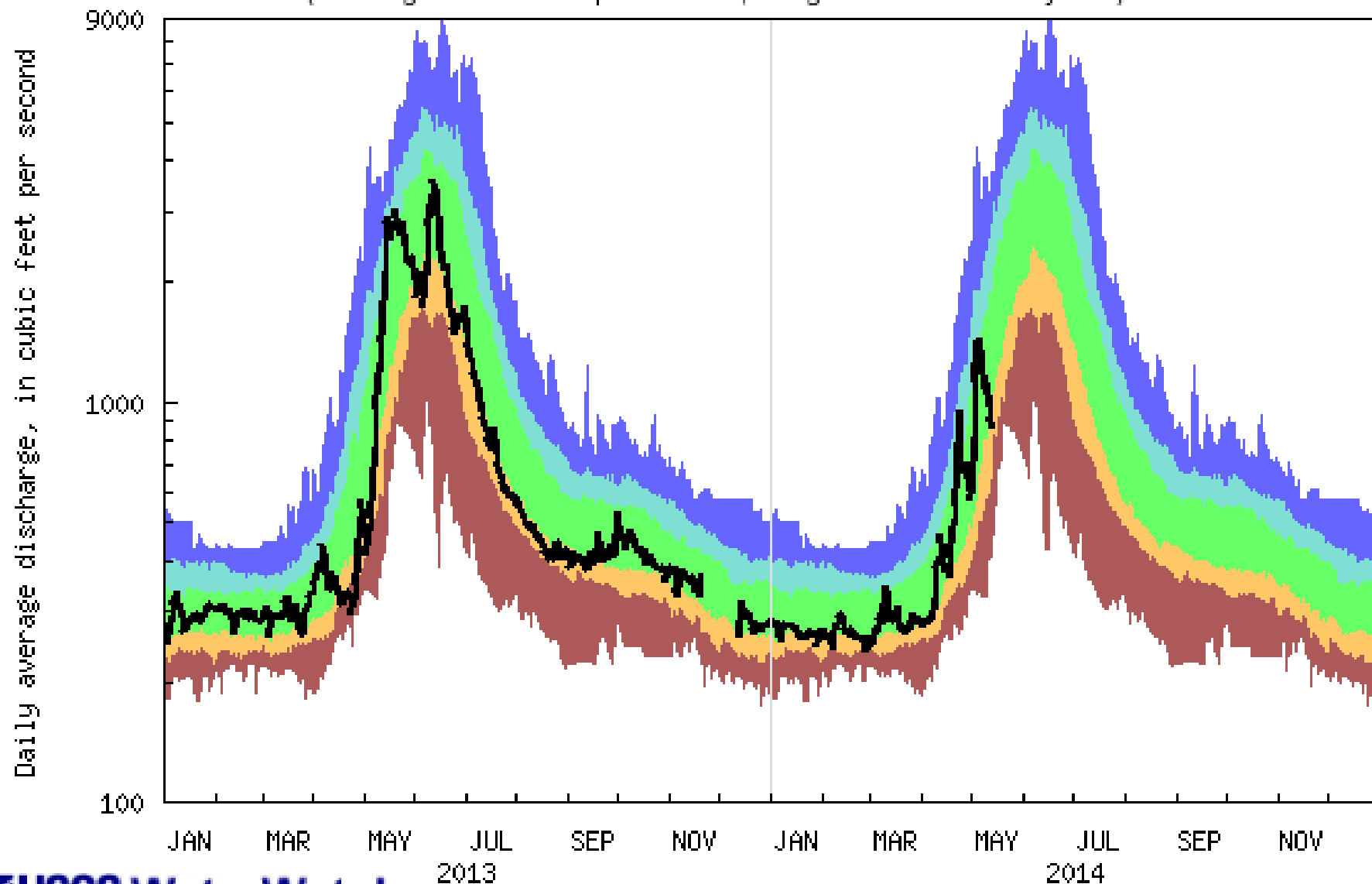


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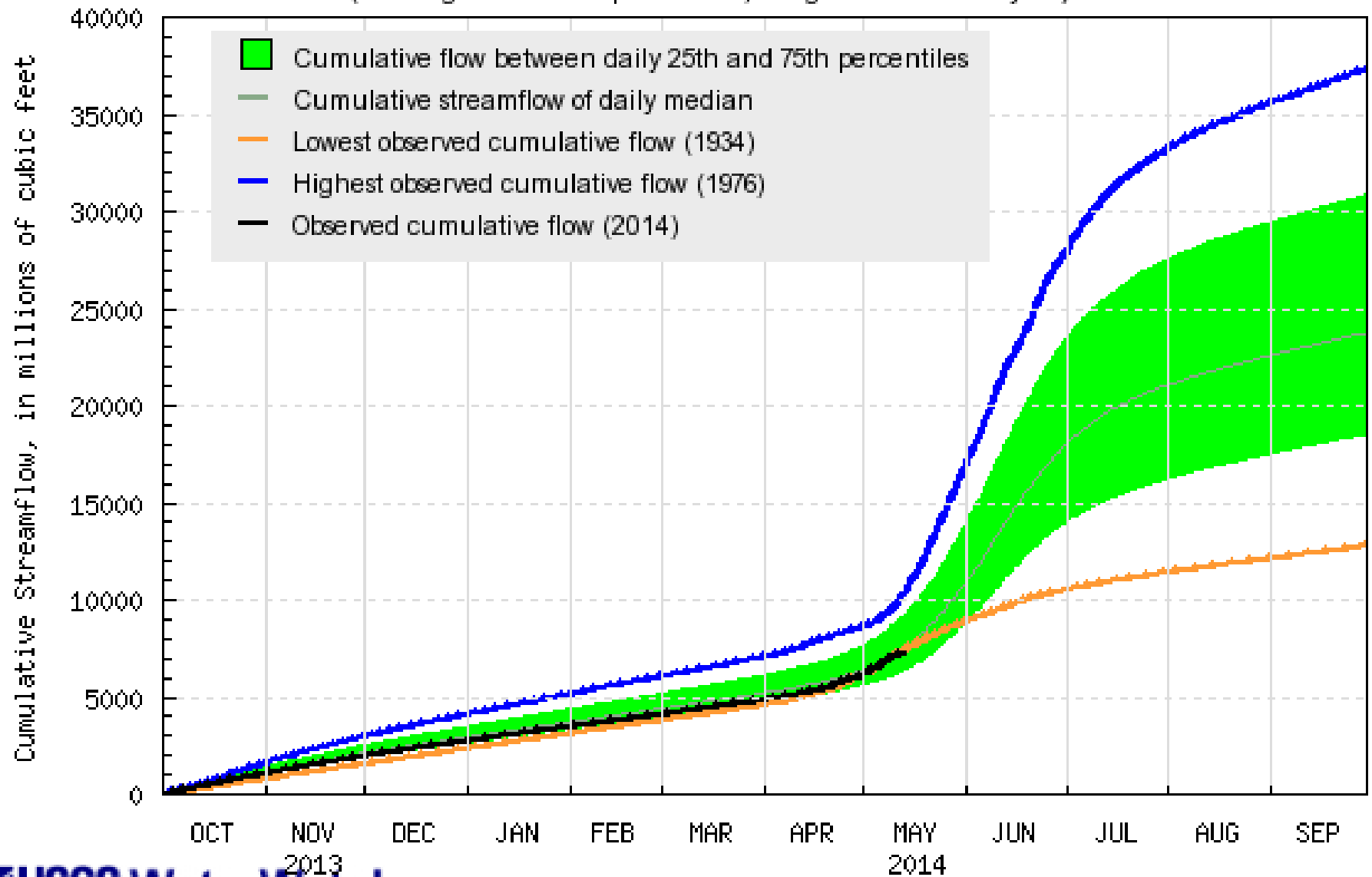


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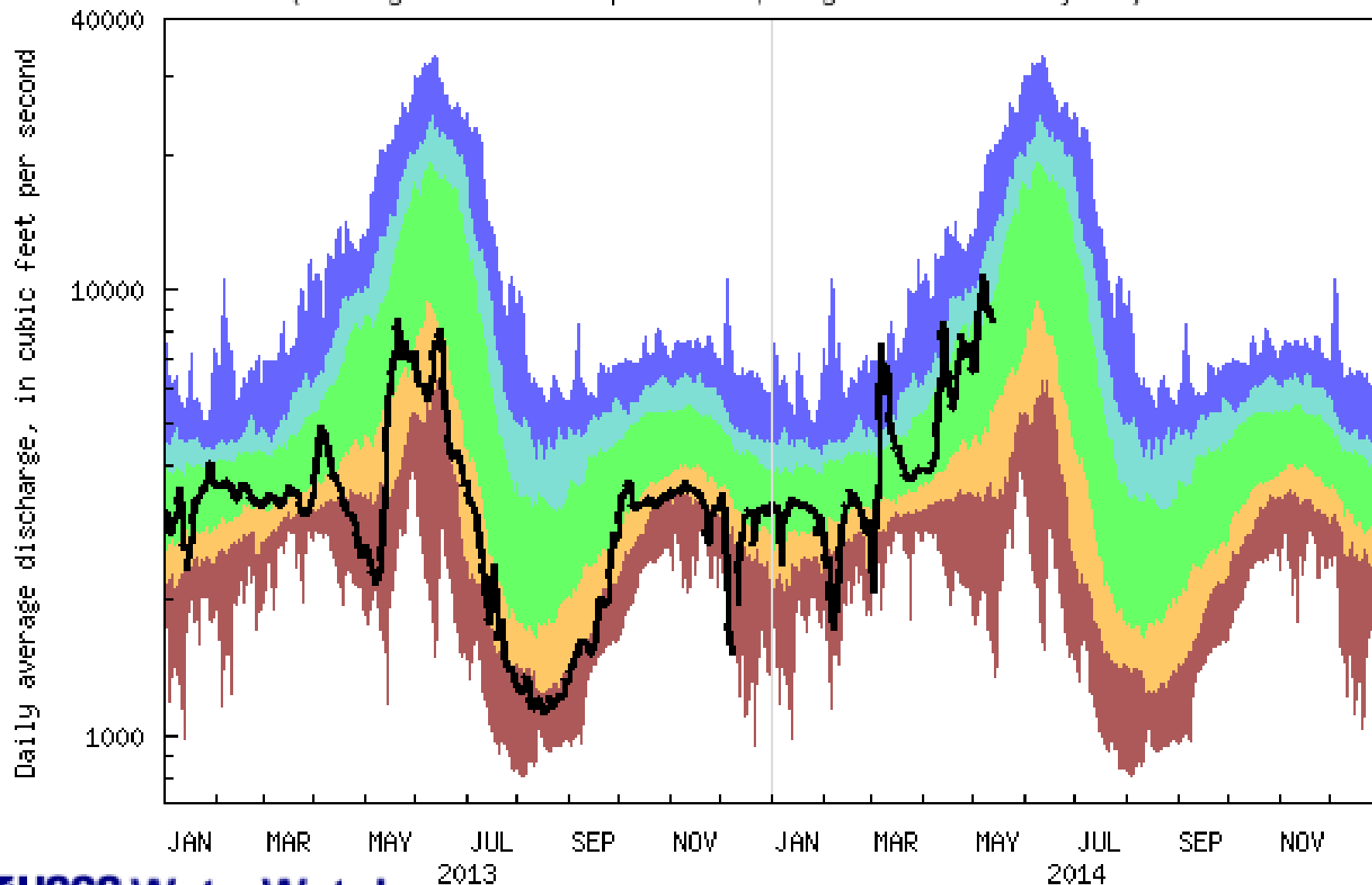


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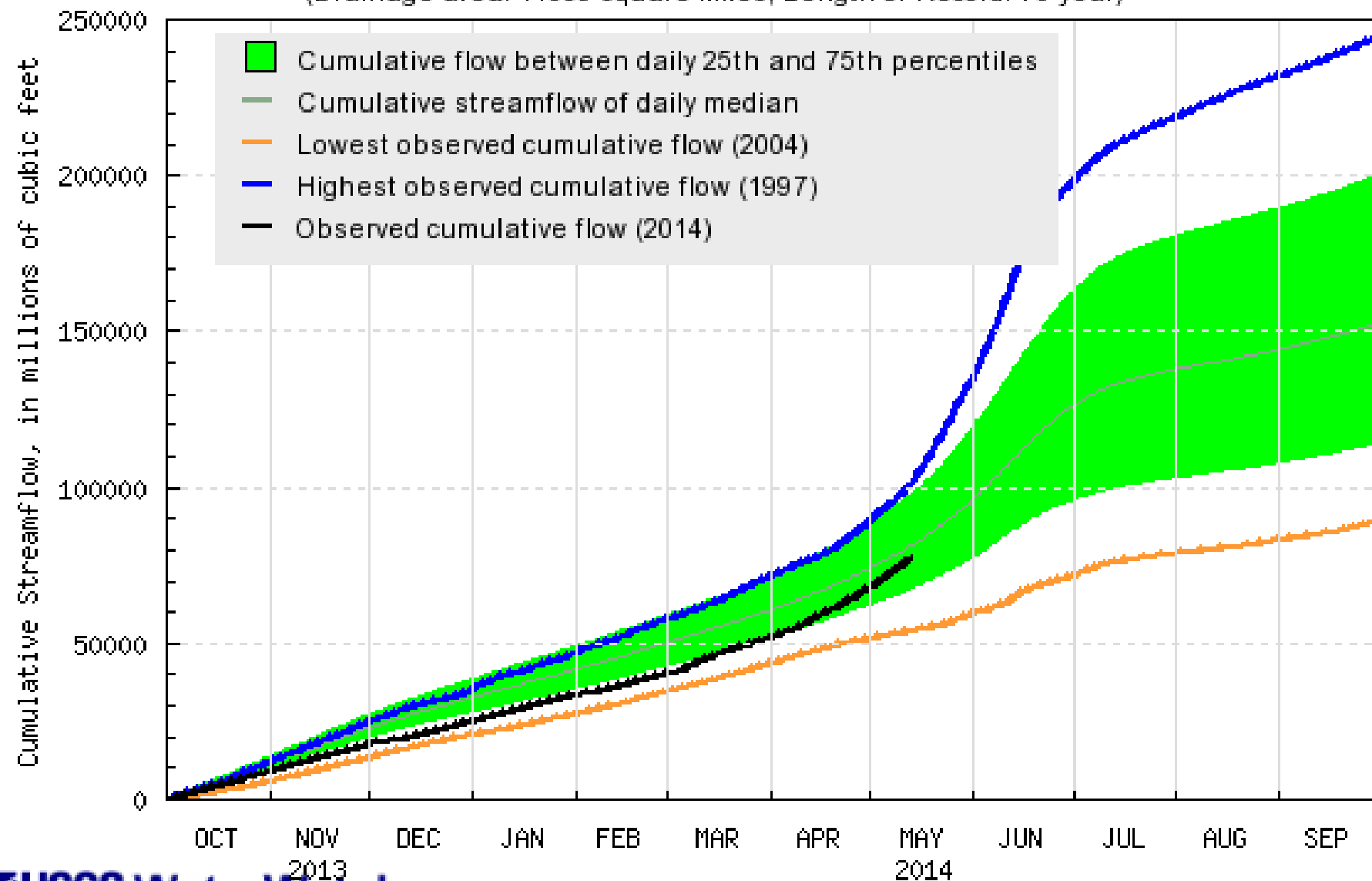
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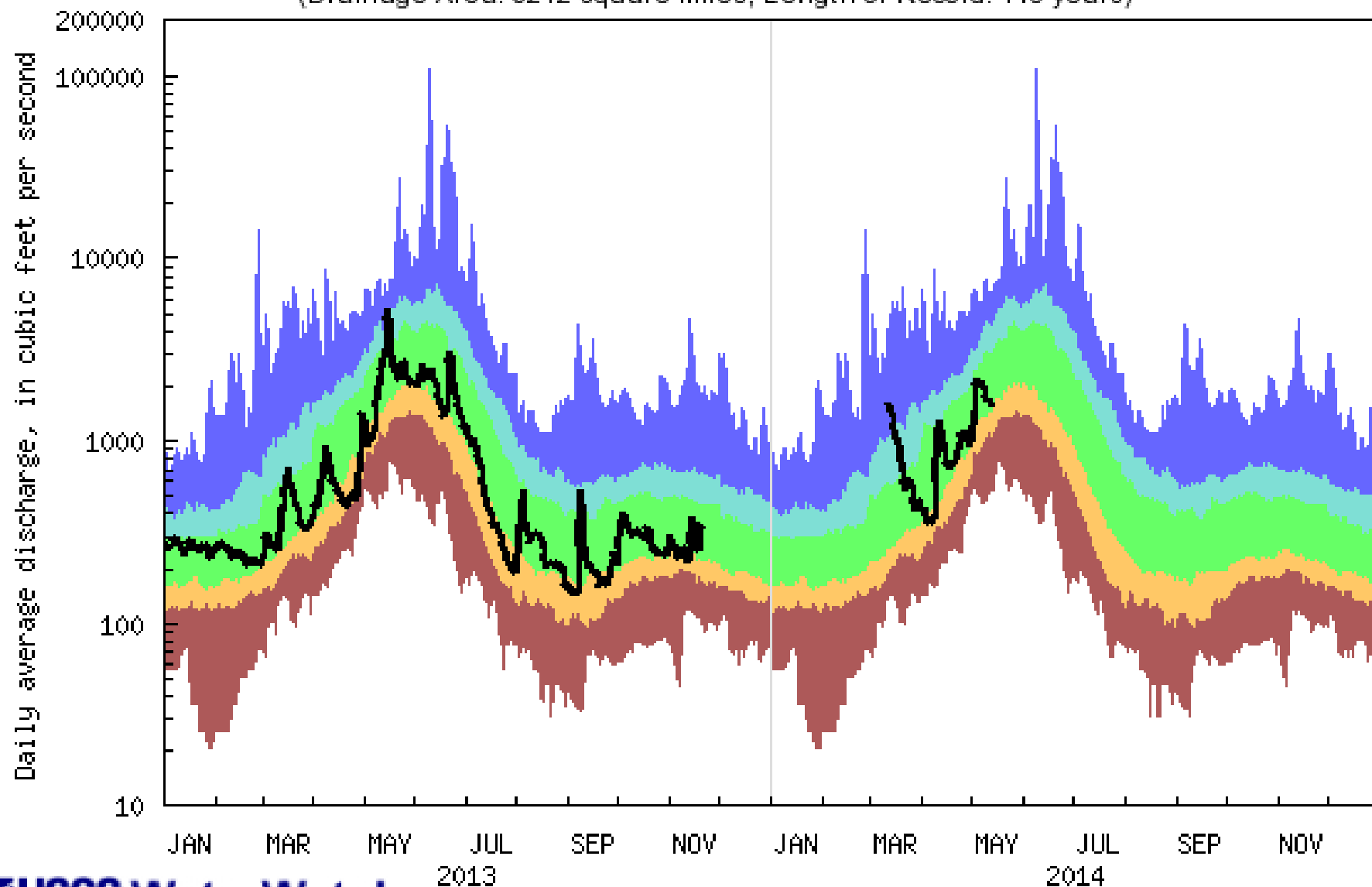
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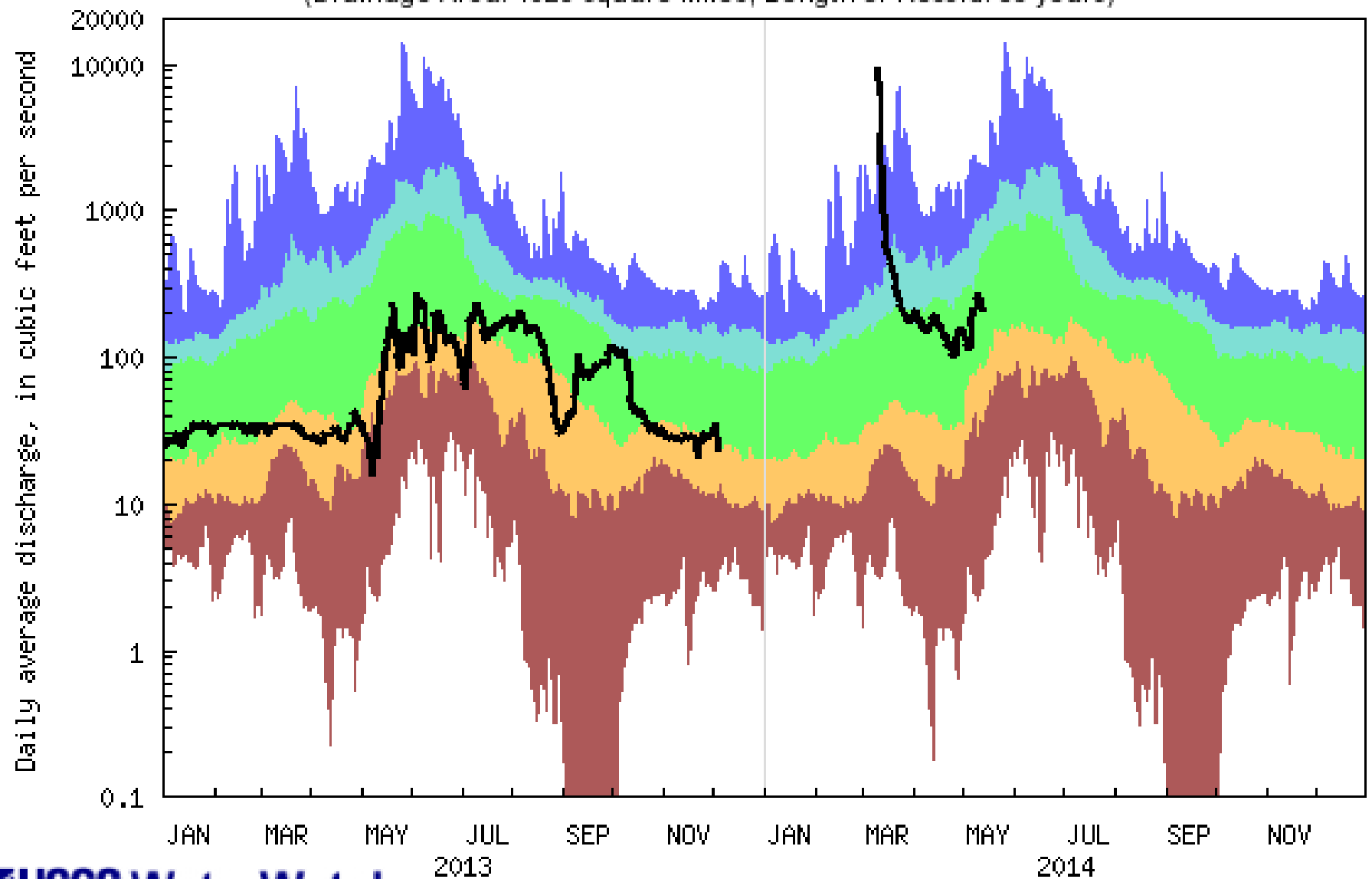


USGS 06099500 Marias River near Shelby MT  
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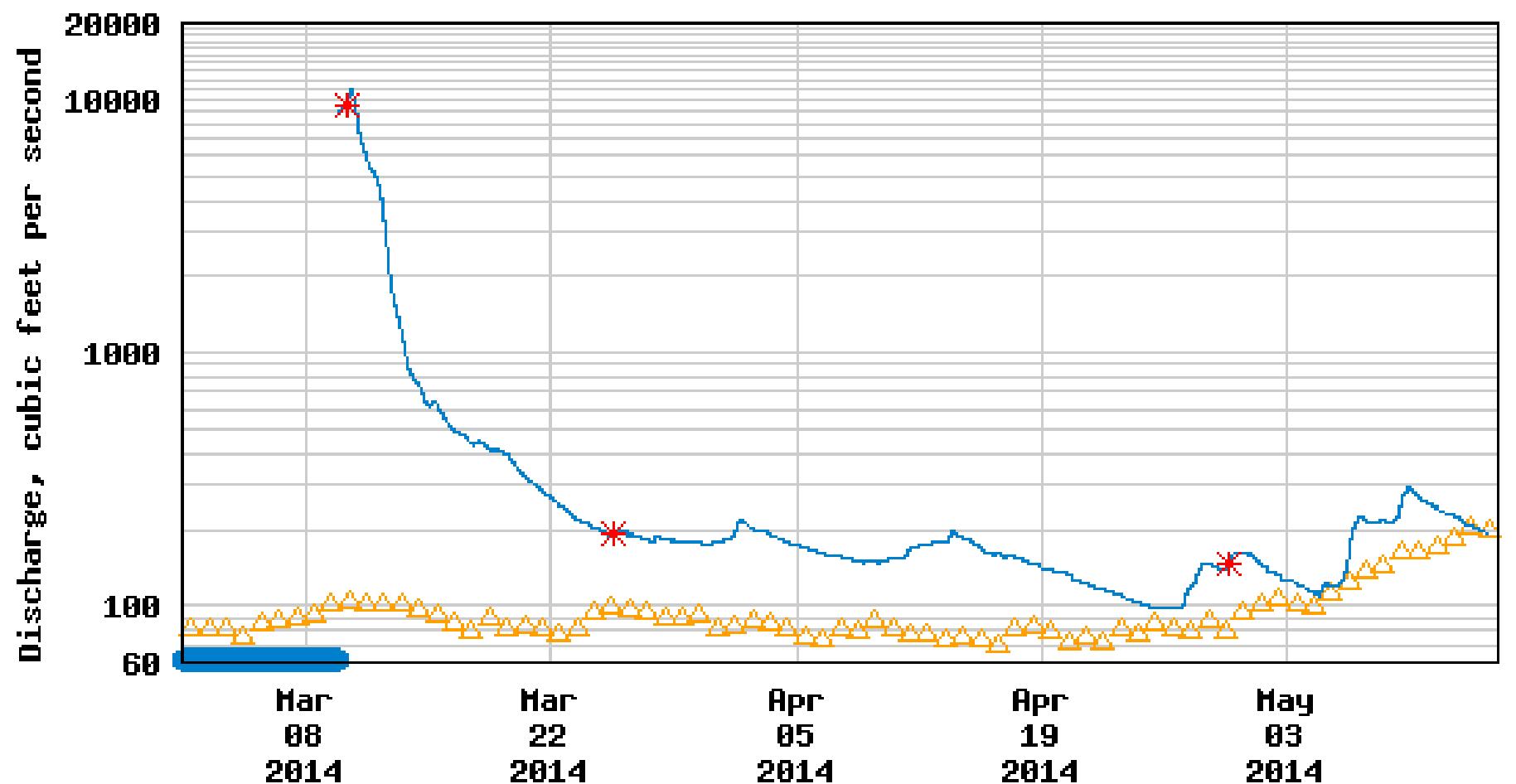
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USGS 06126500 Musselshell River near Roundup MT  
(Drainage Area: 4023 square miles, Length of Record: 66 years)



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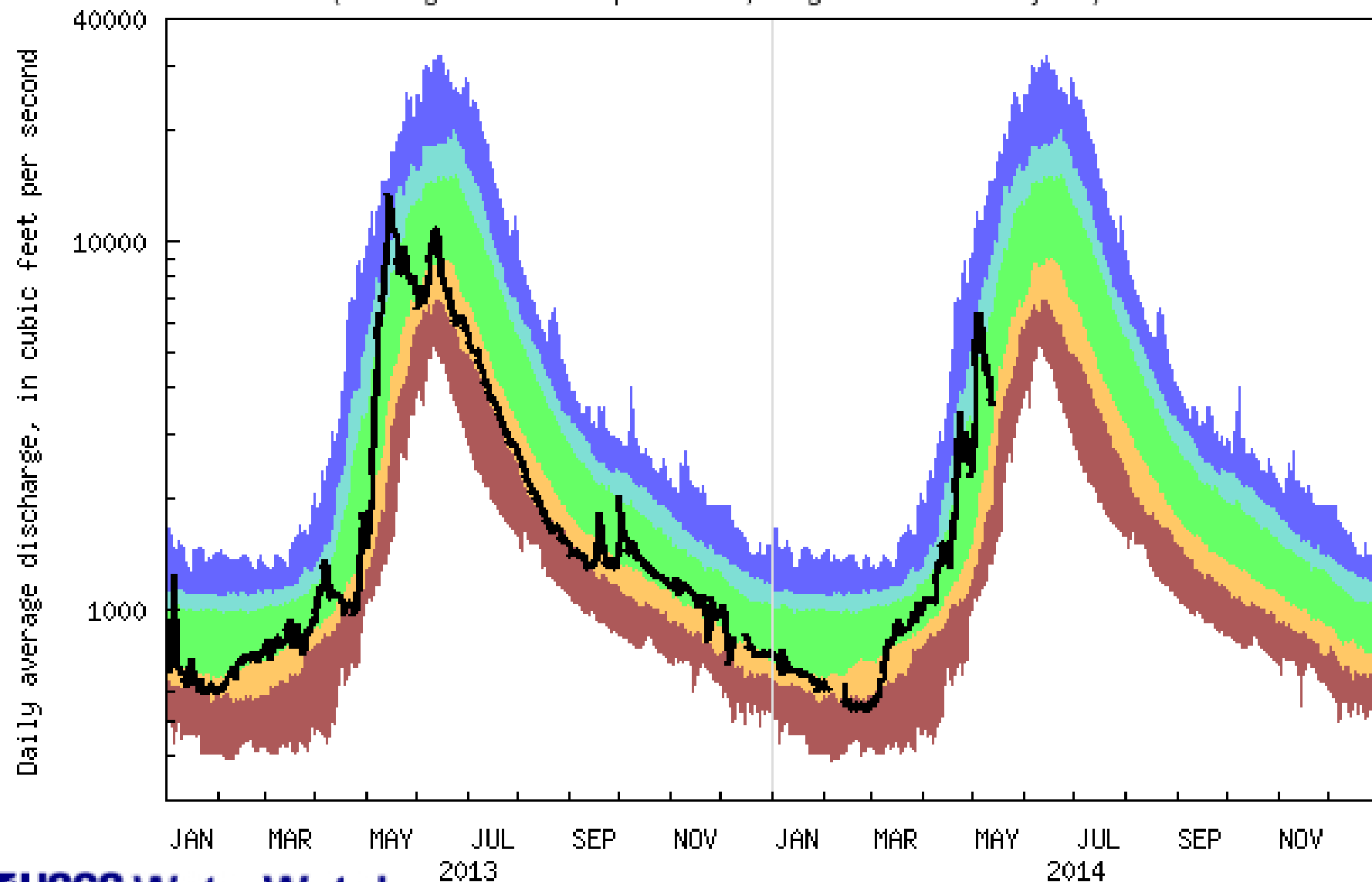
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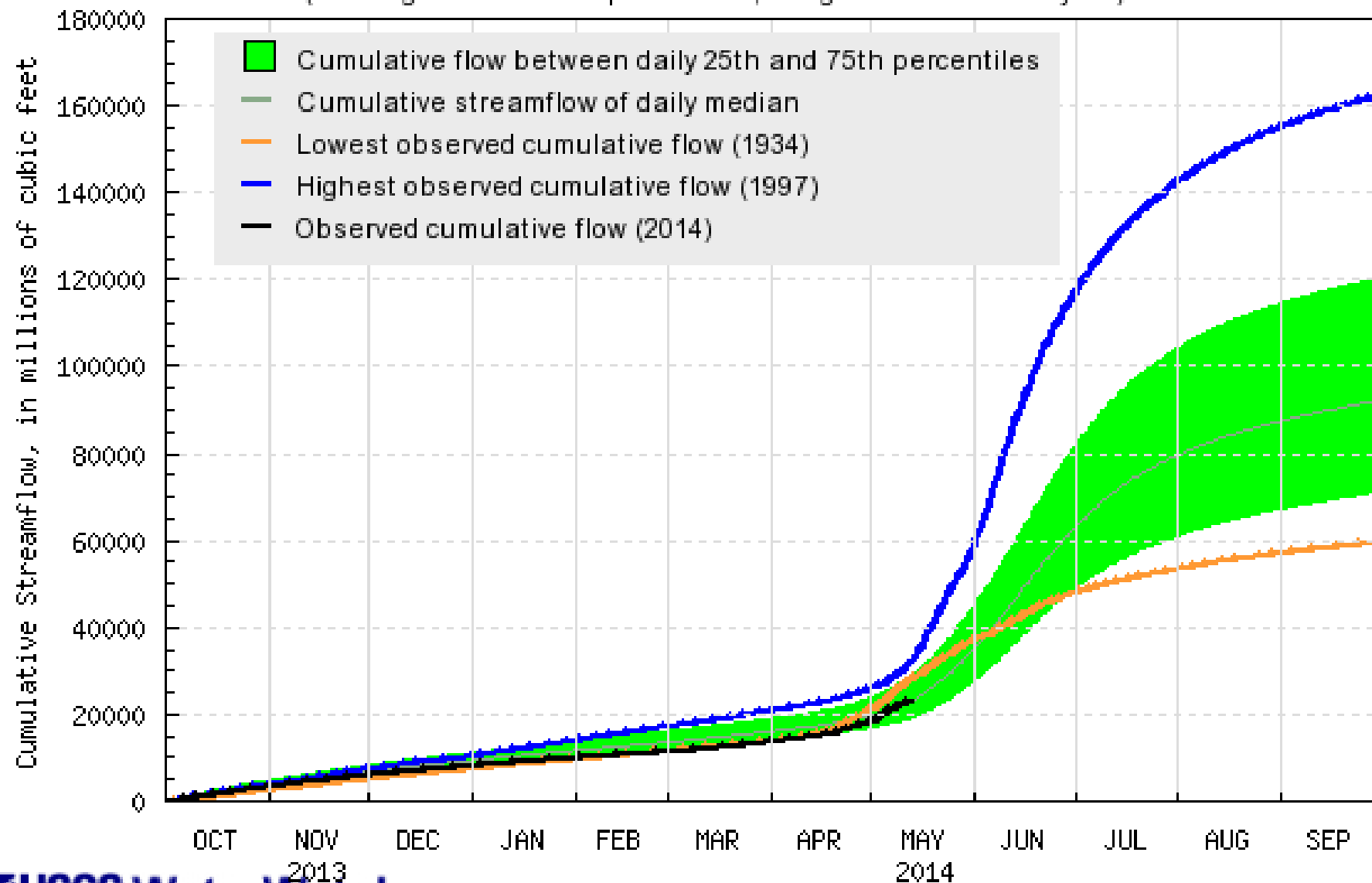
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- Flow at station affected by ice

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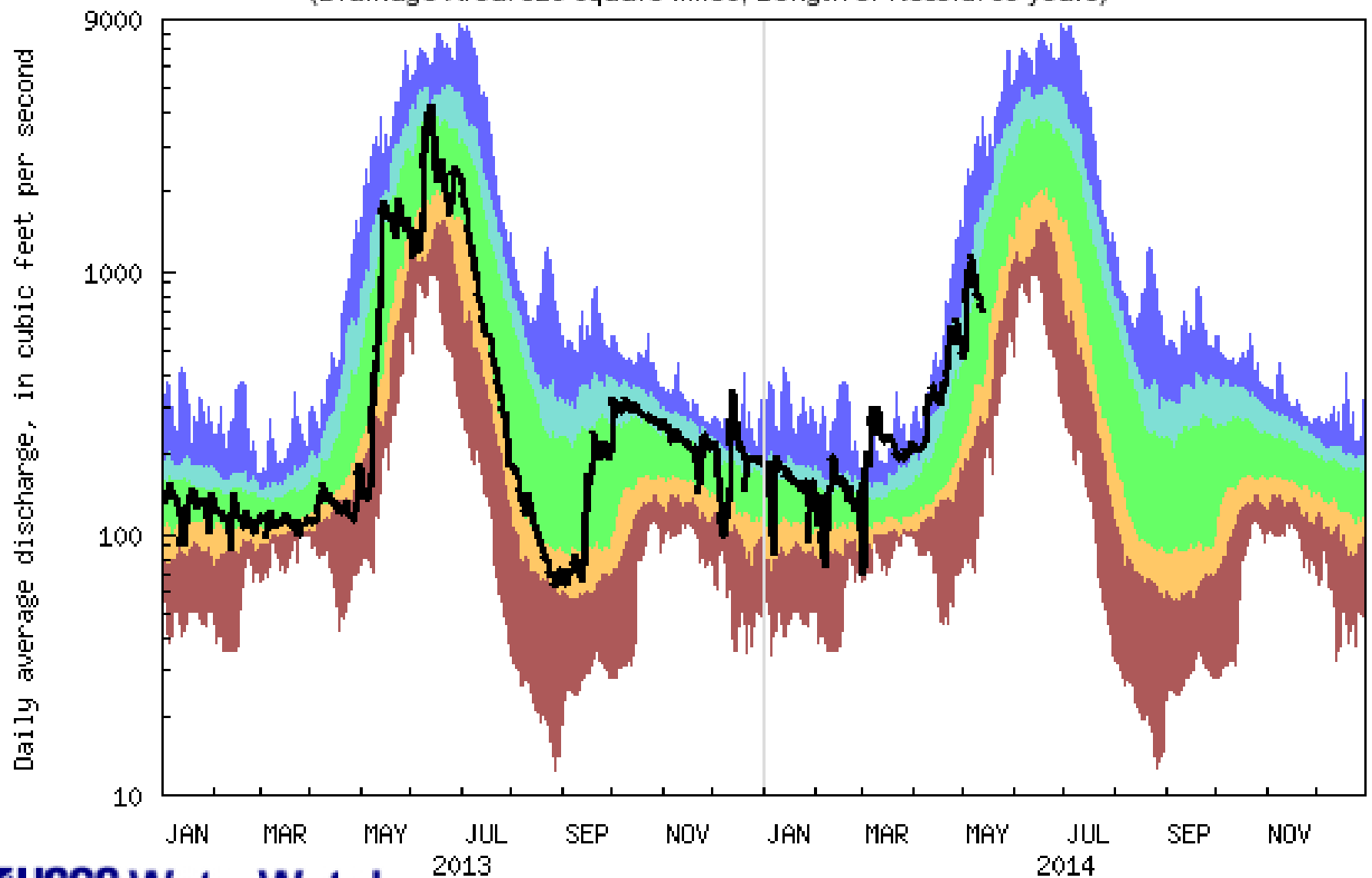




USGS 06191500 Yellowstone River at Corwin Springs MT  
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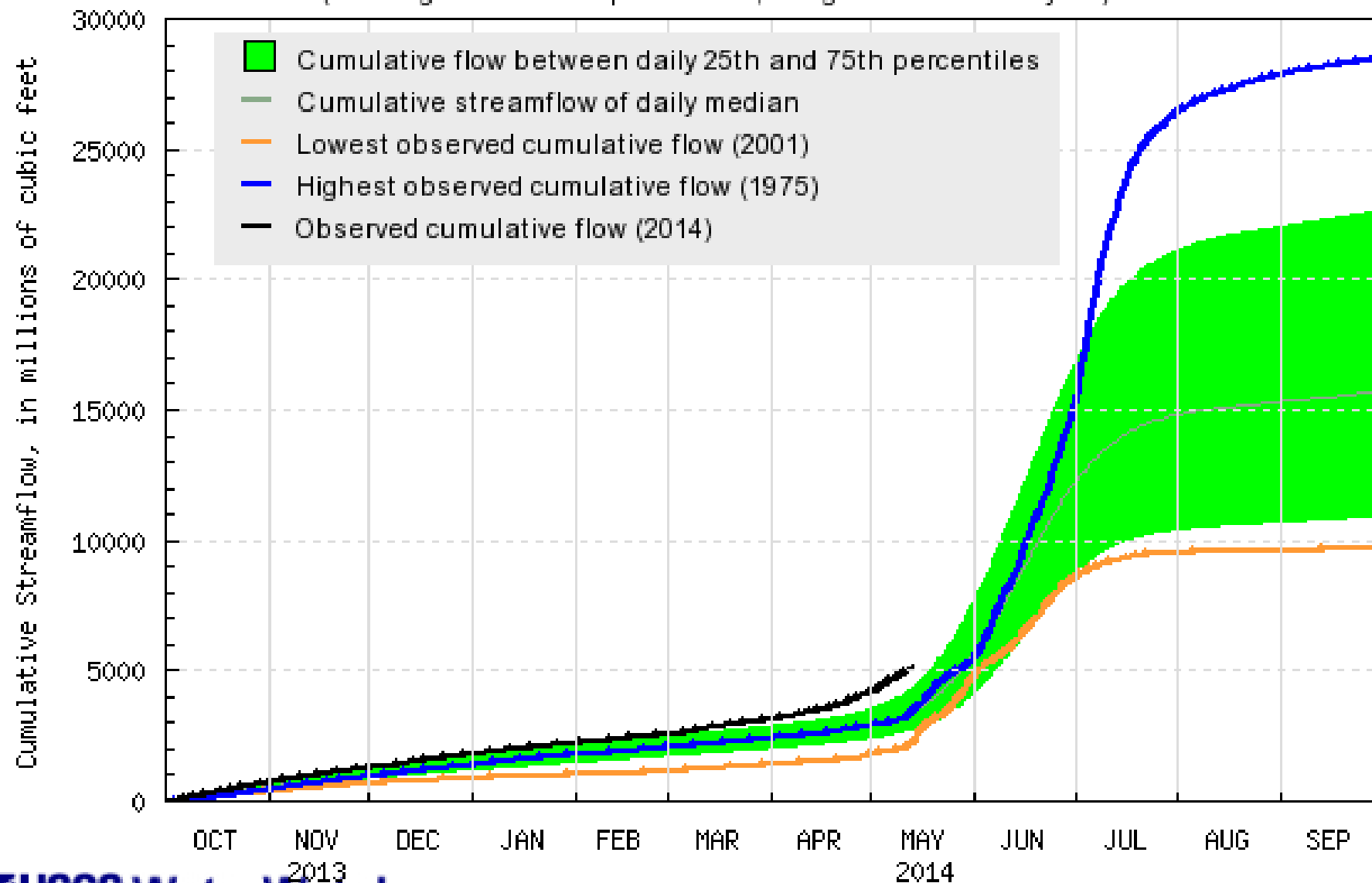


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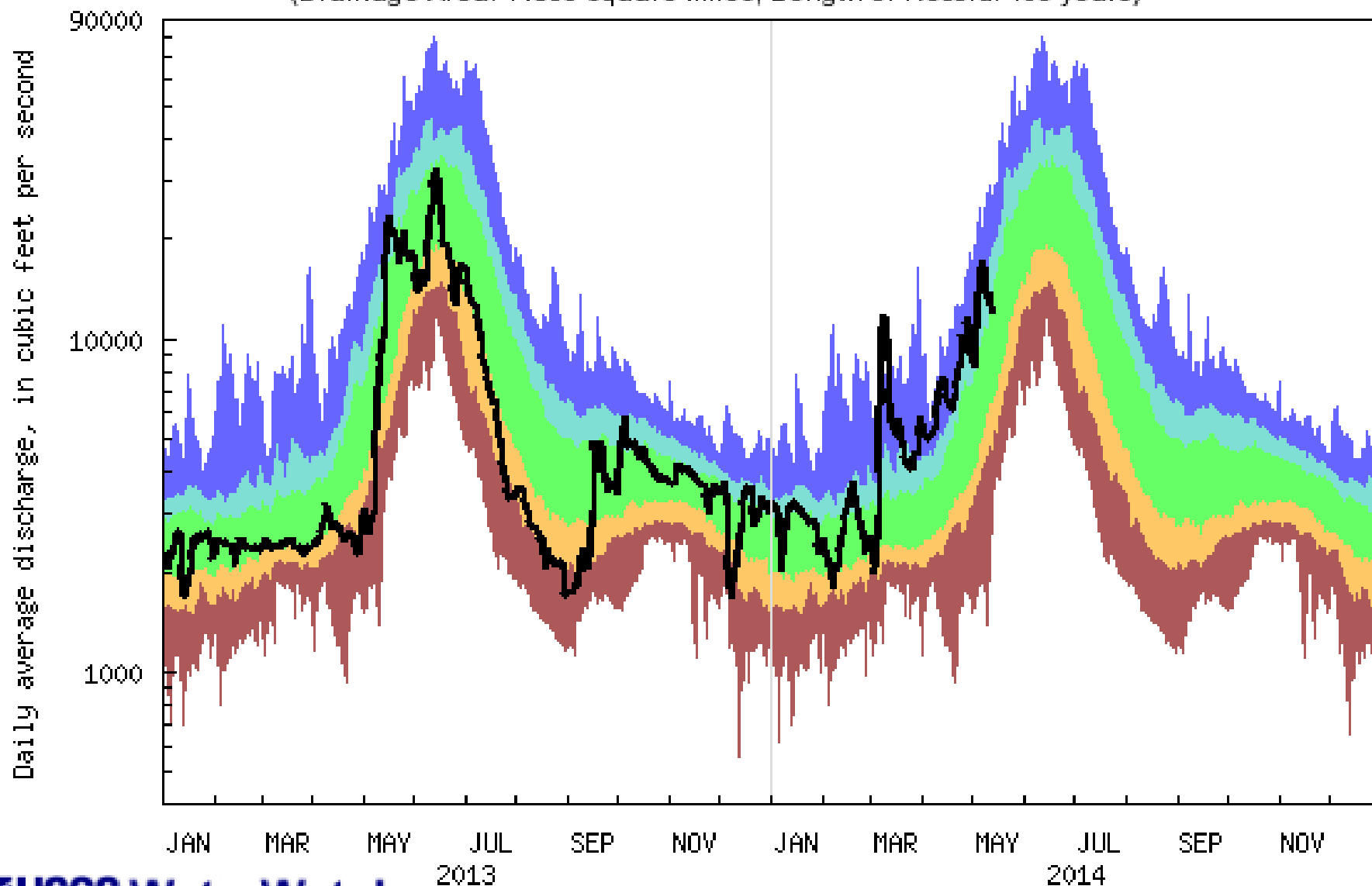
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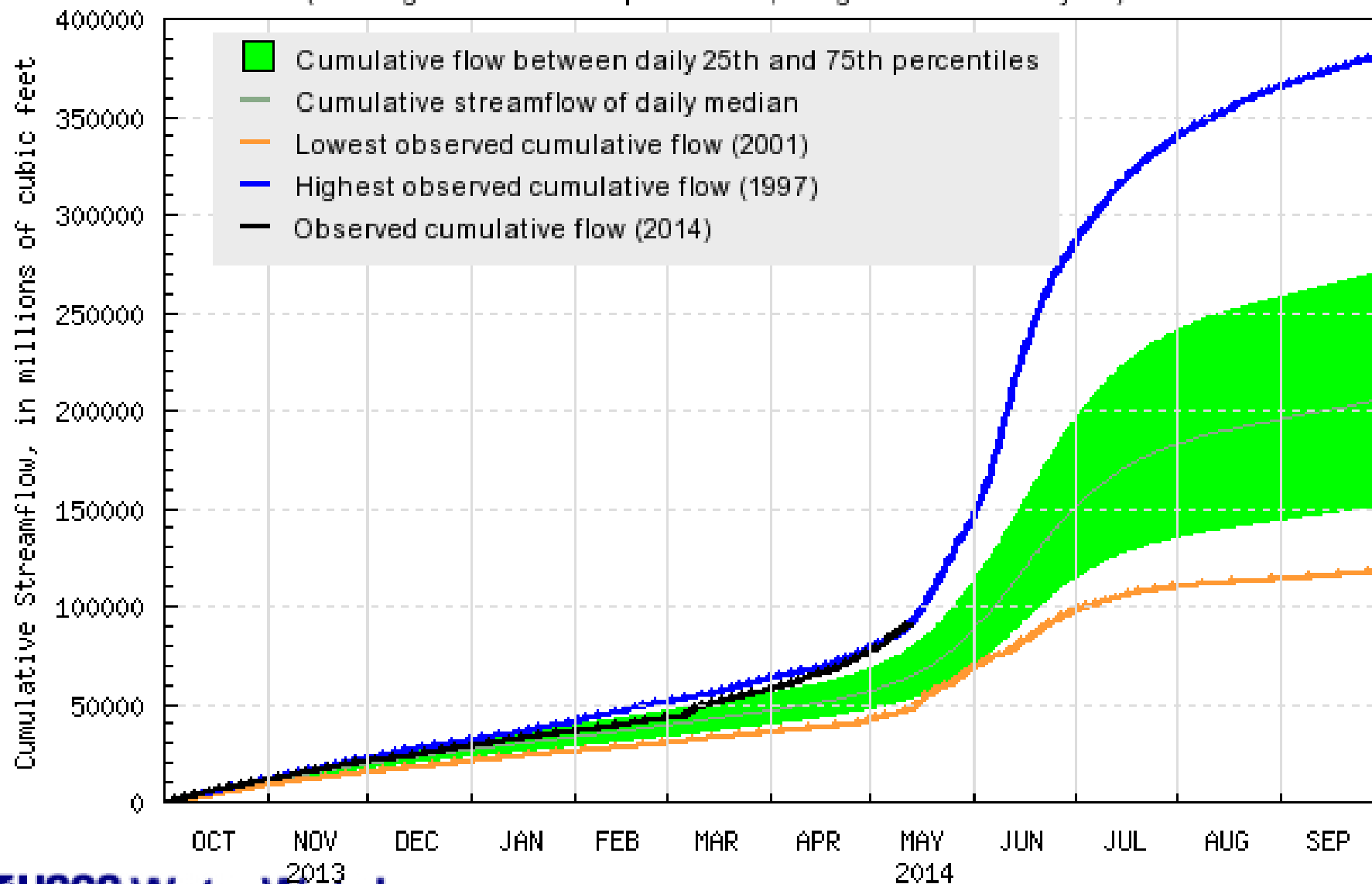


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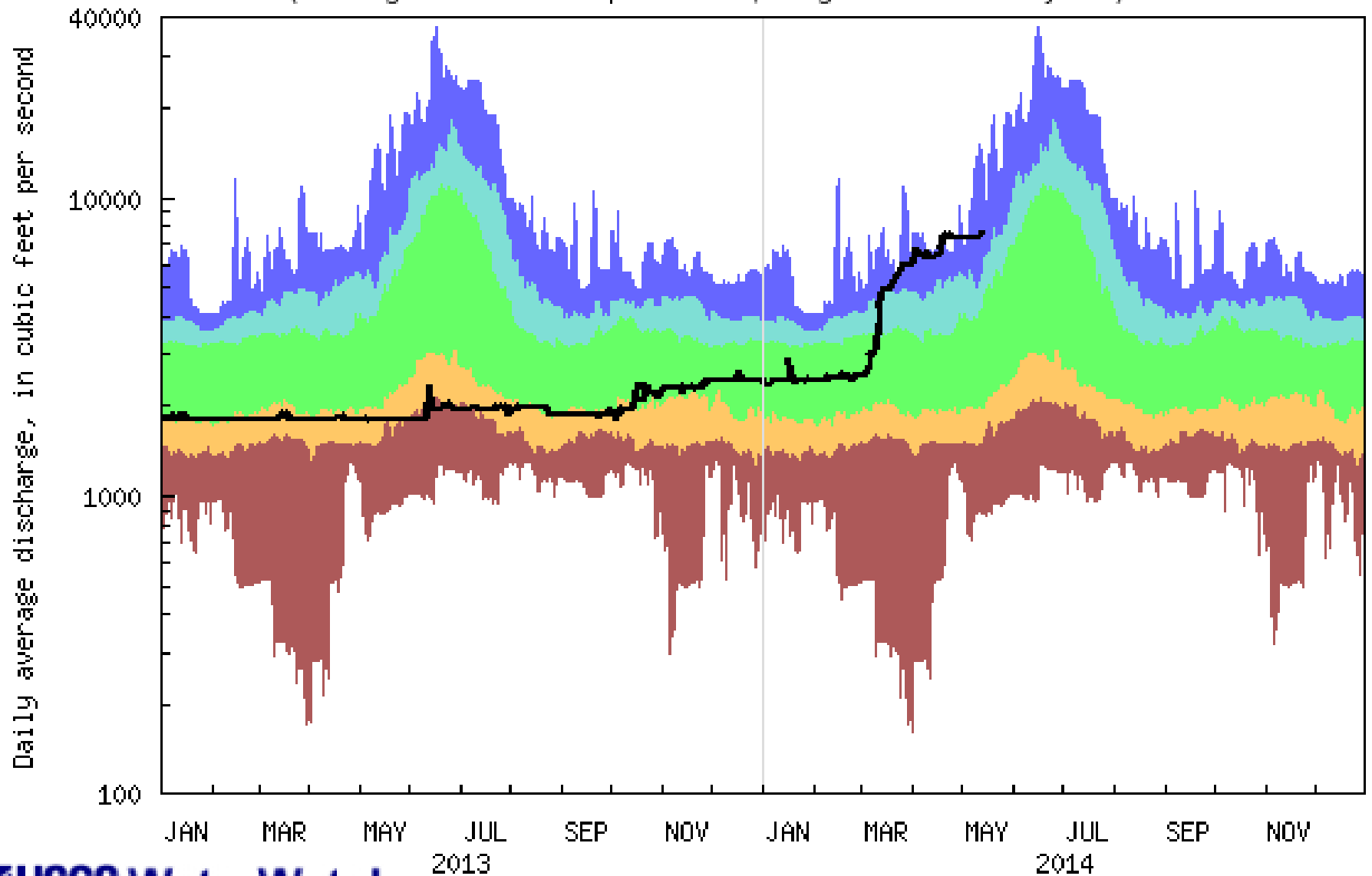
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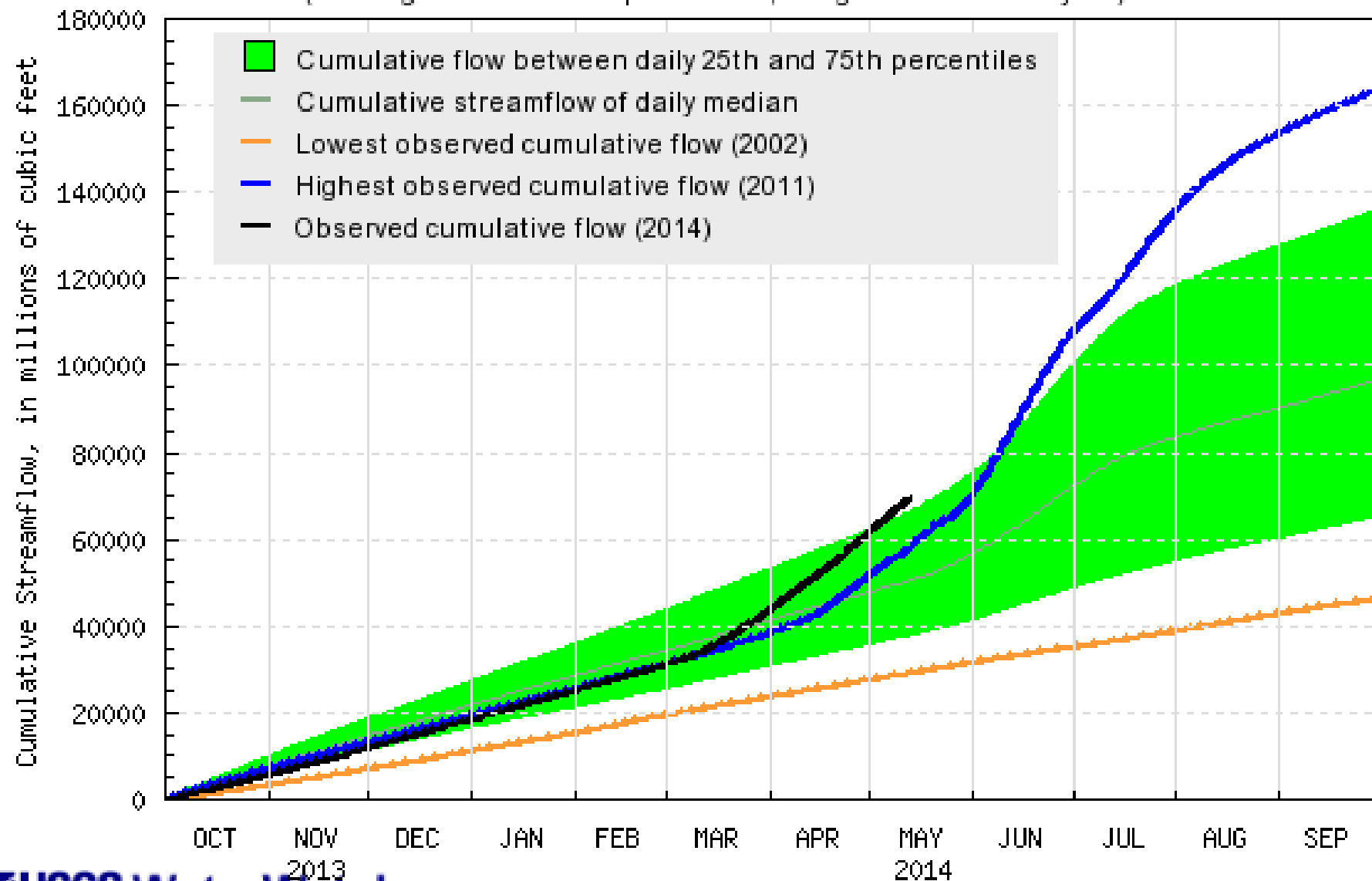


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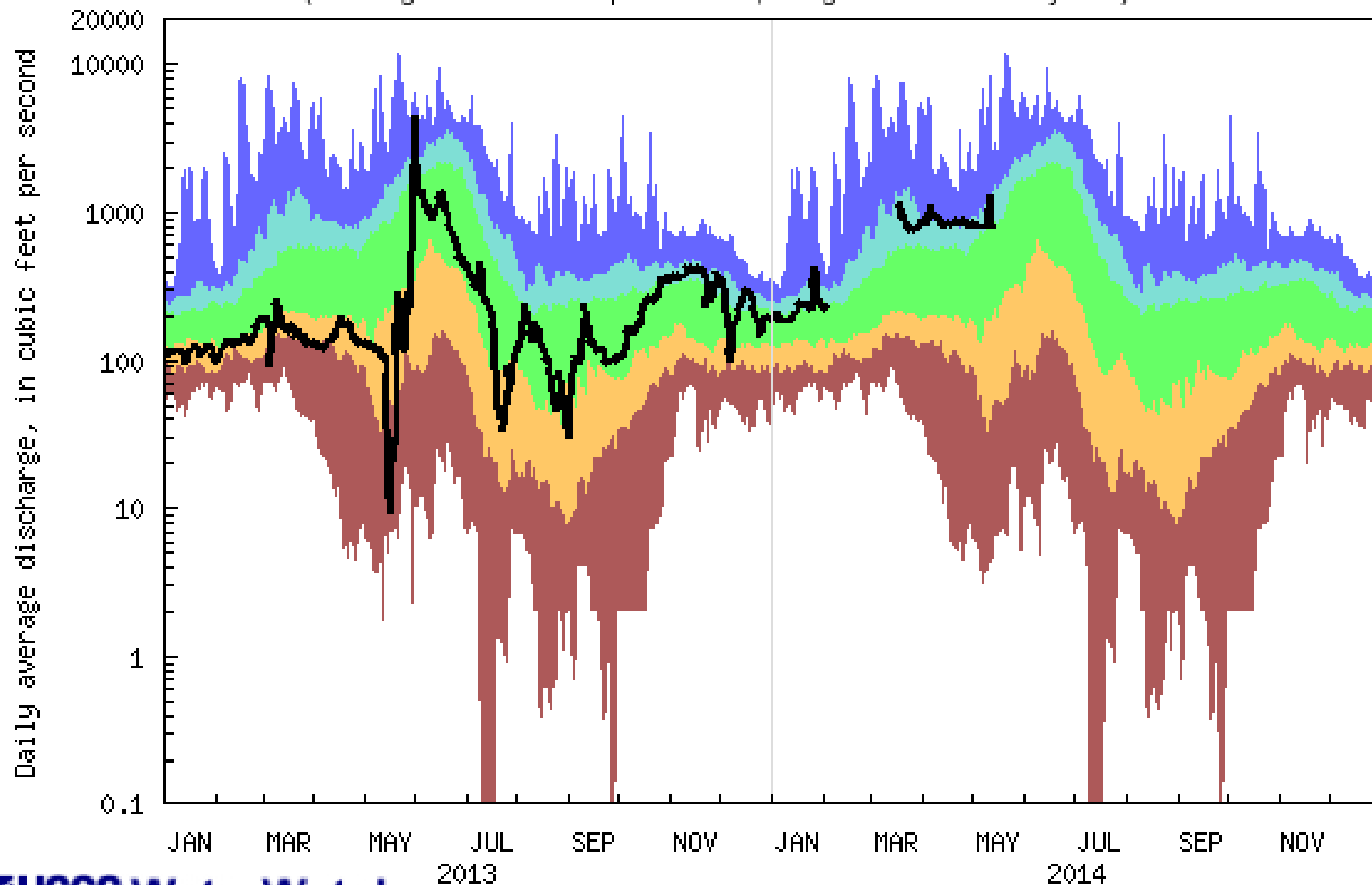


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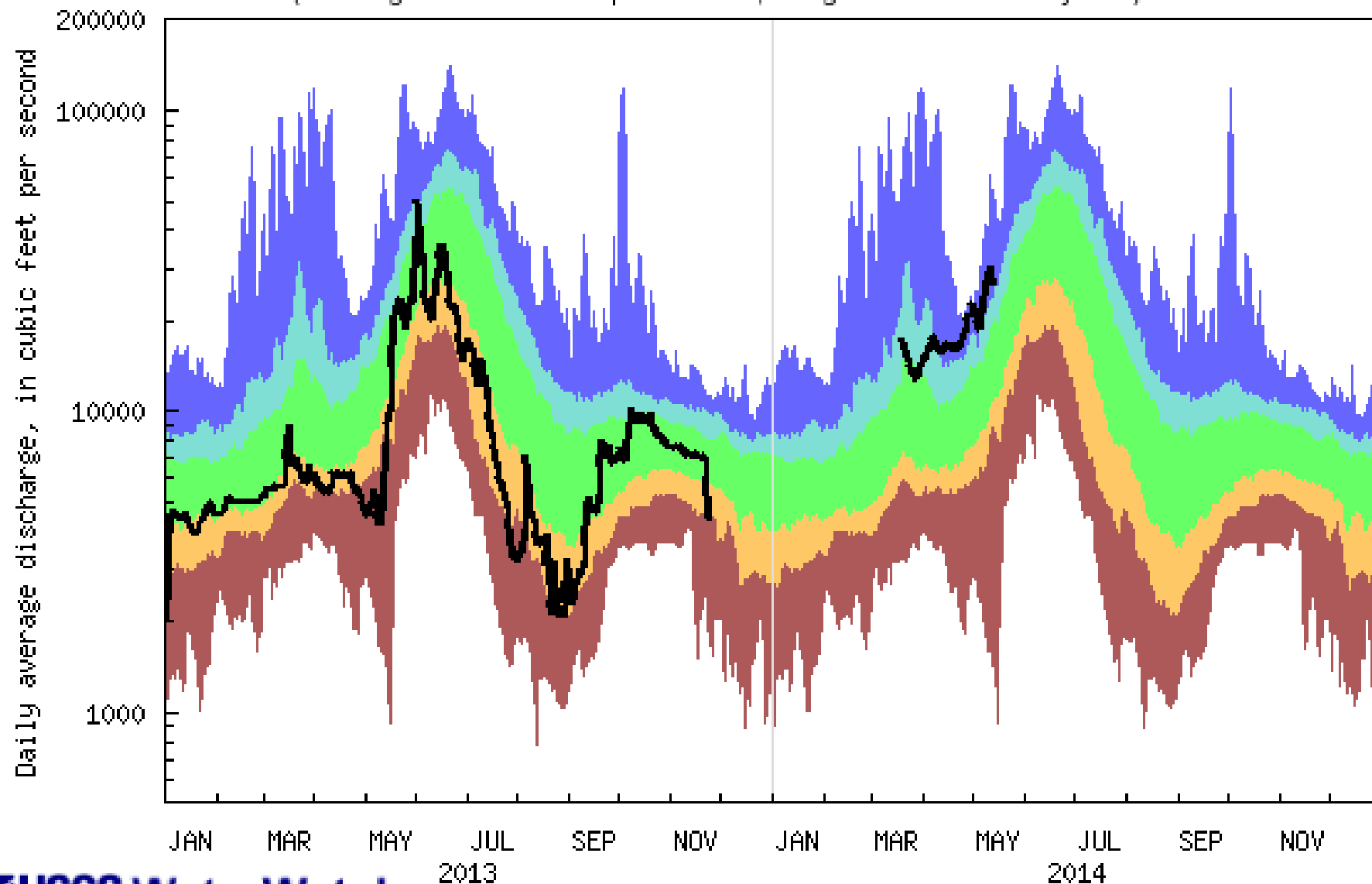


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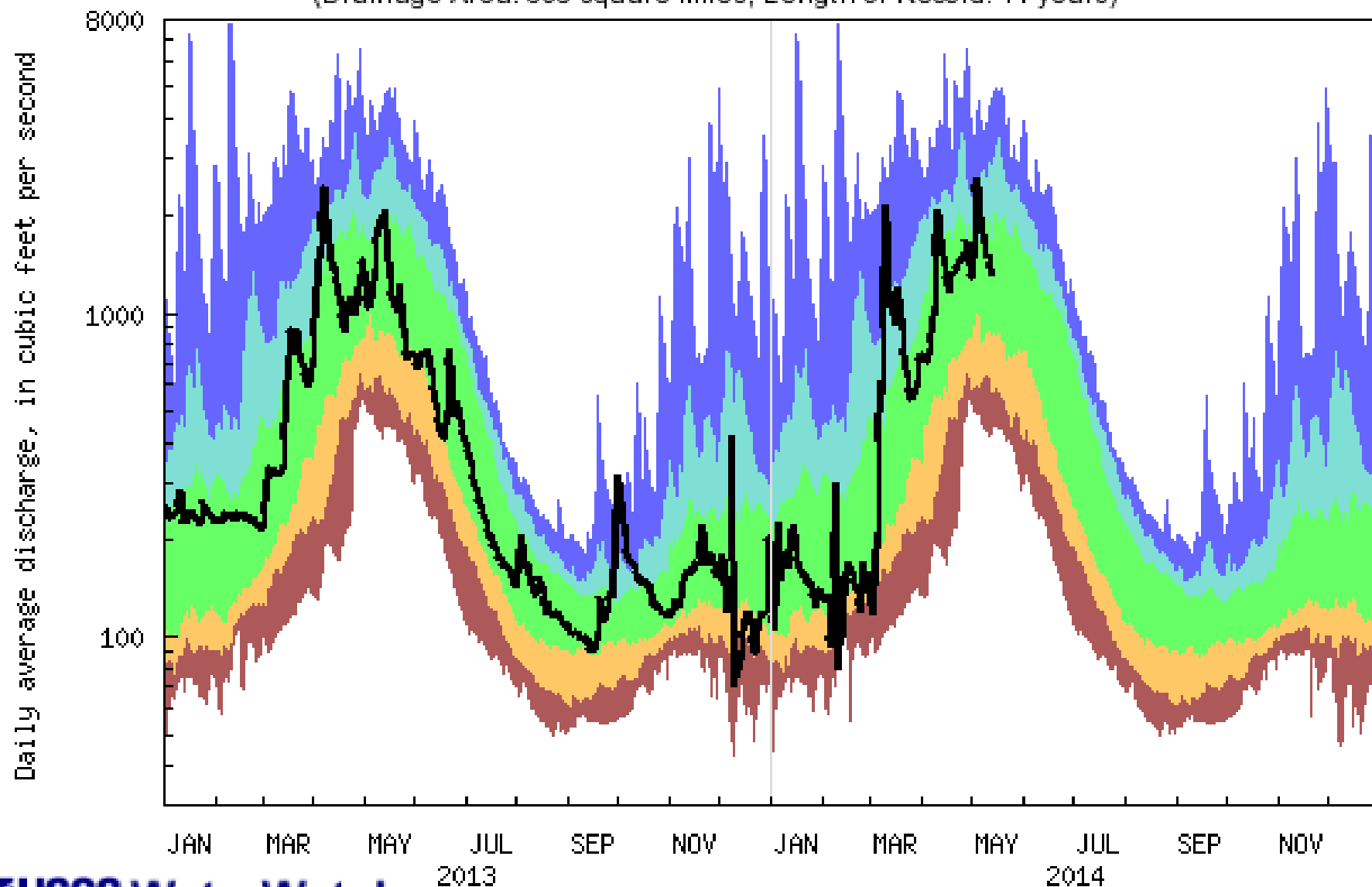
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(Drainage Area: 69083 square miles, Length of Record: 101 years)



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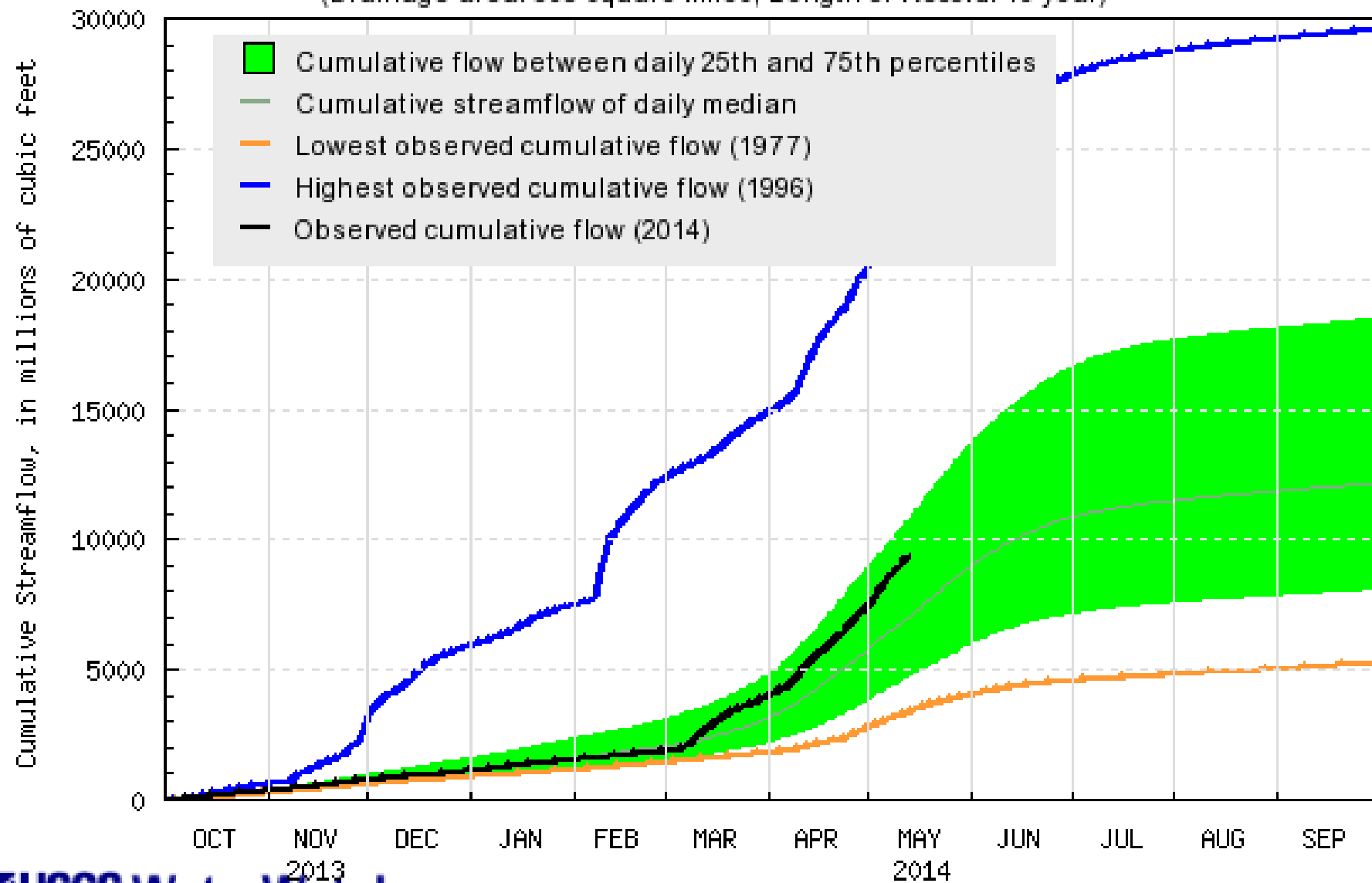
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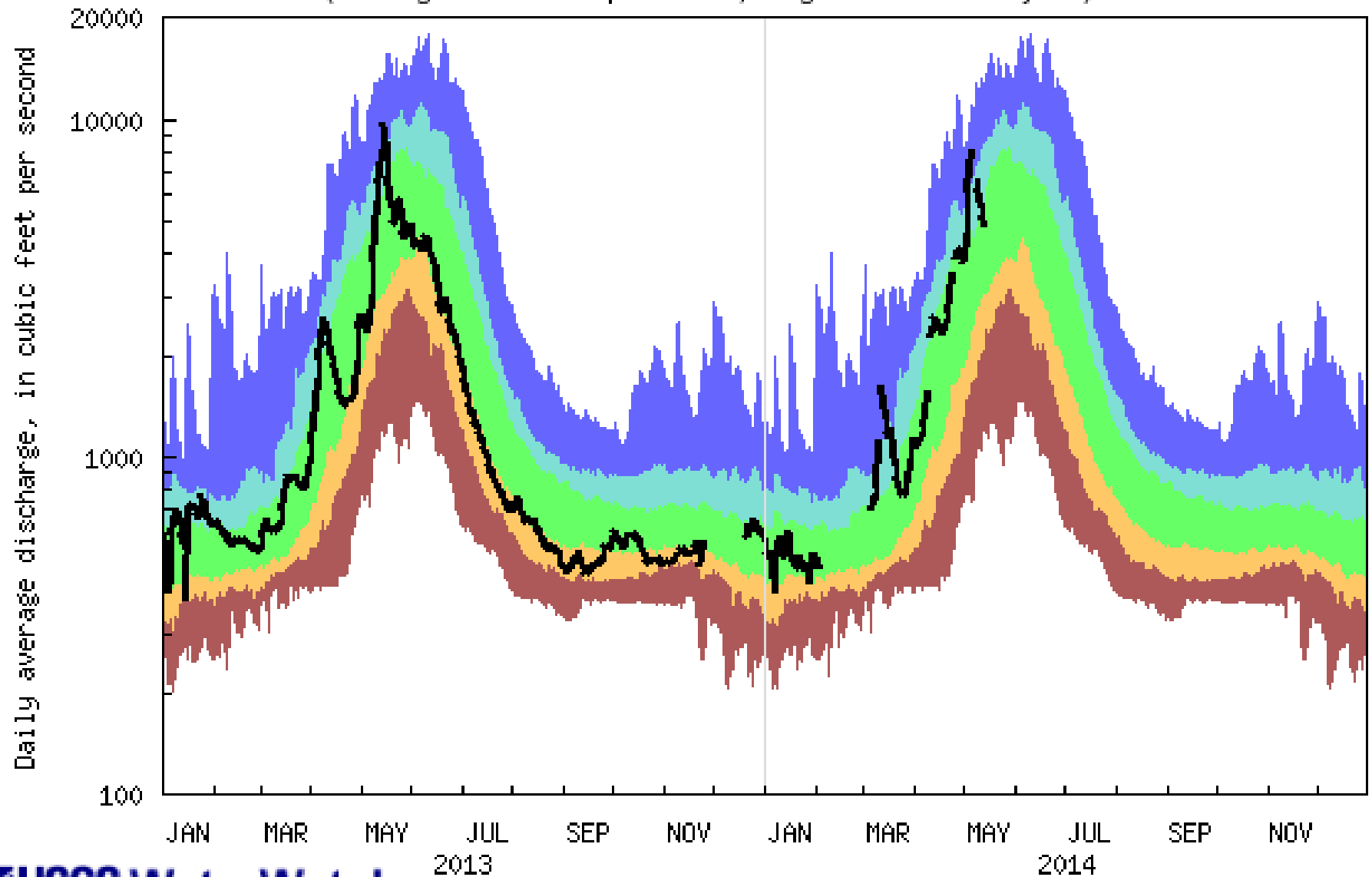
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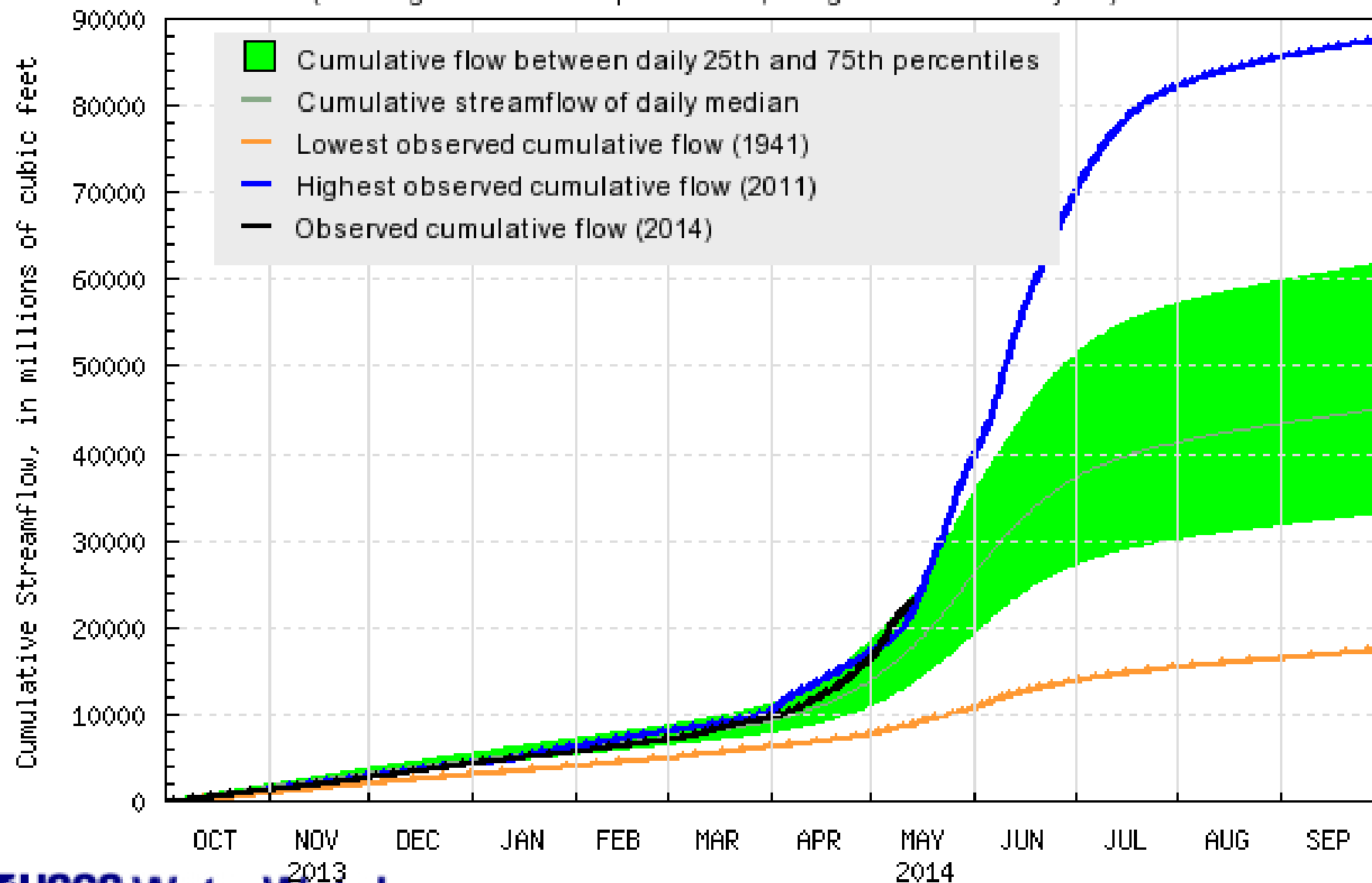


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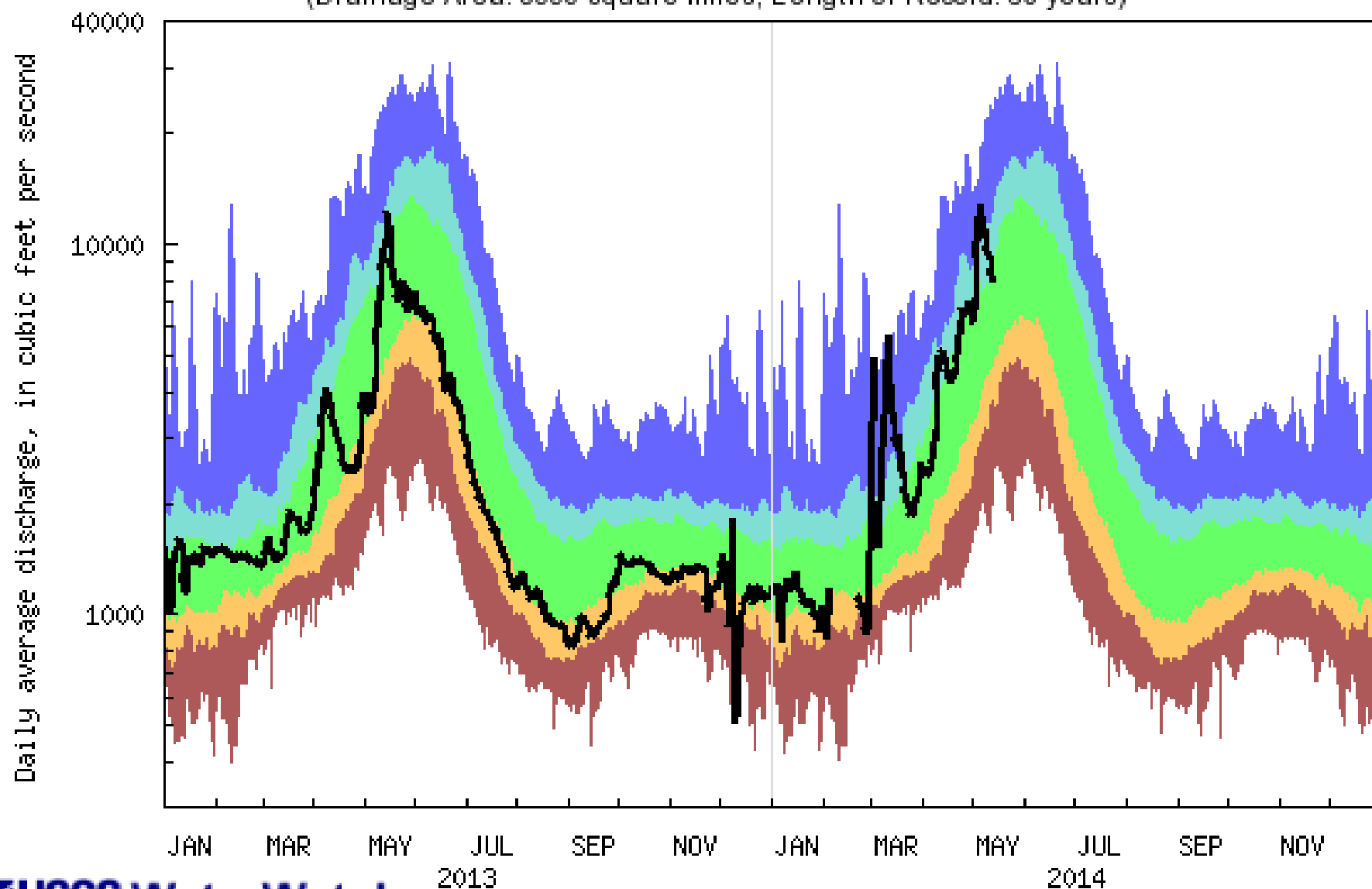


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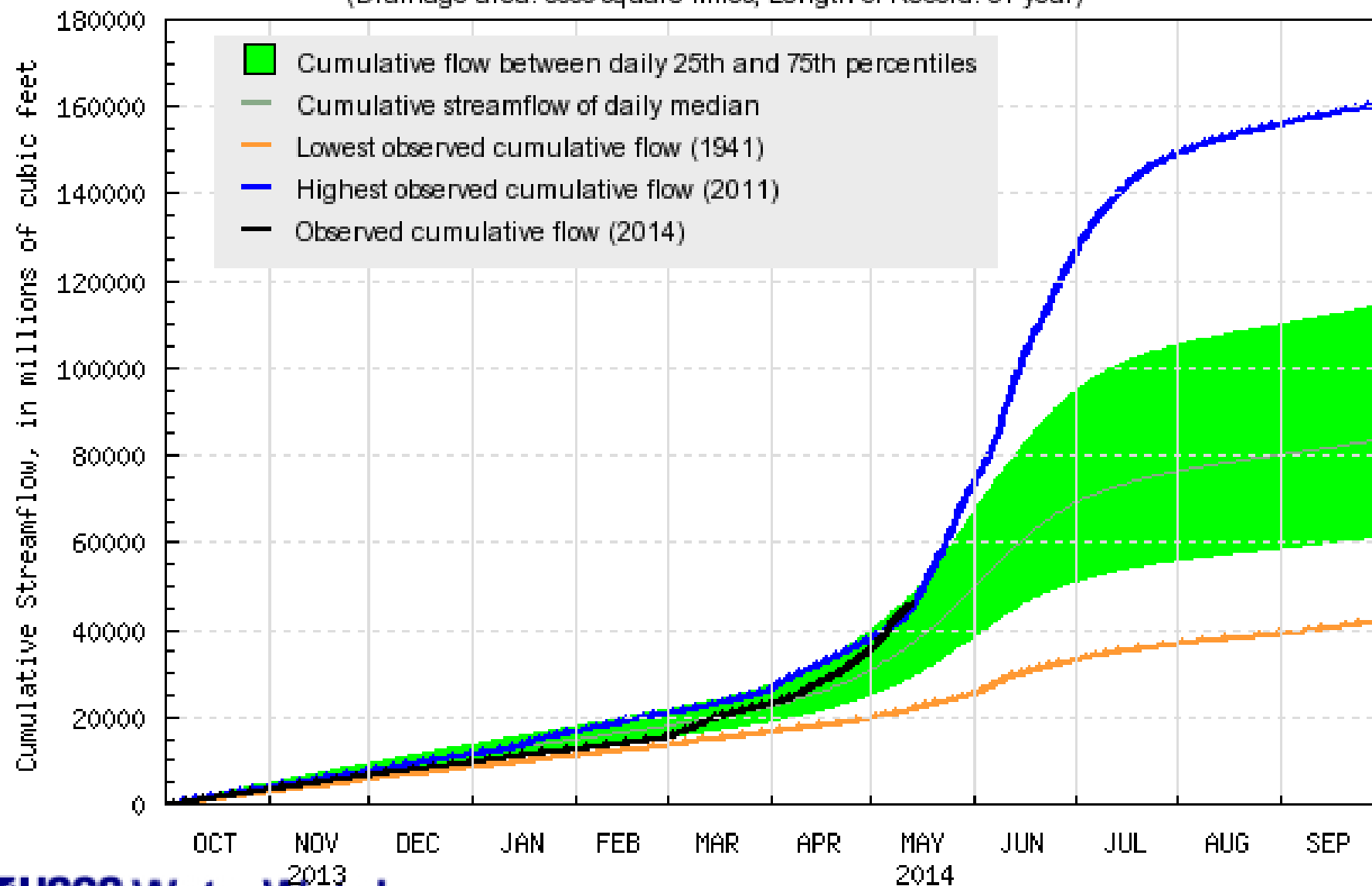


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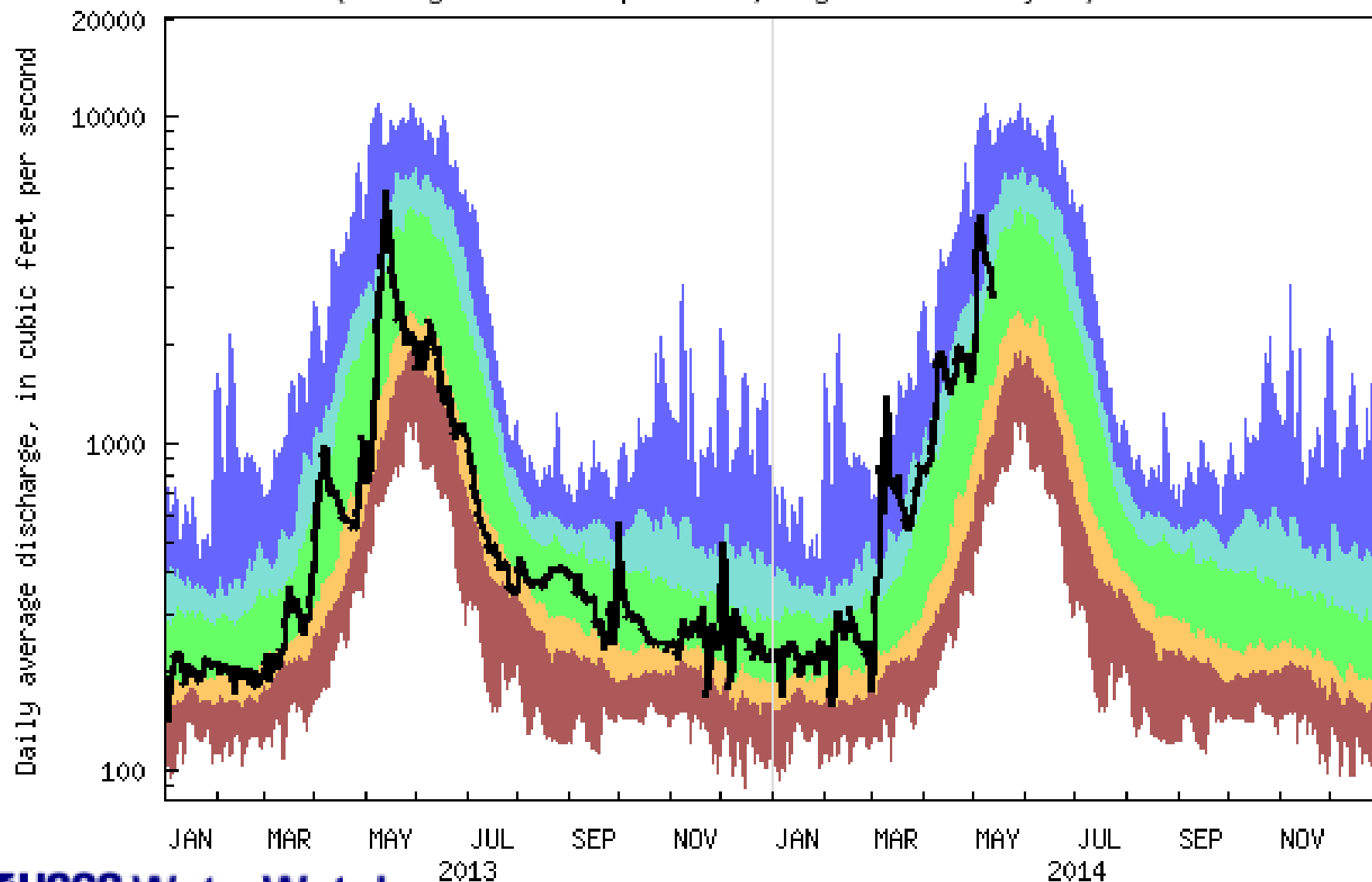
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USGS 12340500 Clark Fork above Missoula MT  
(Drainage area: 5999 square miles, Length of Record: 84 year)



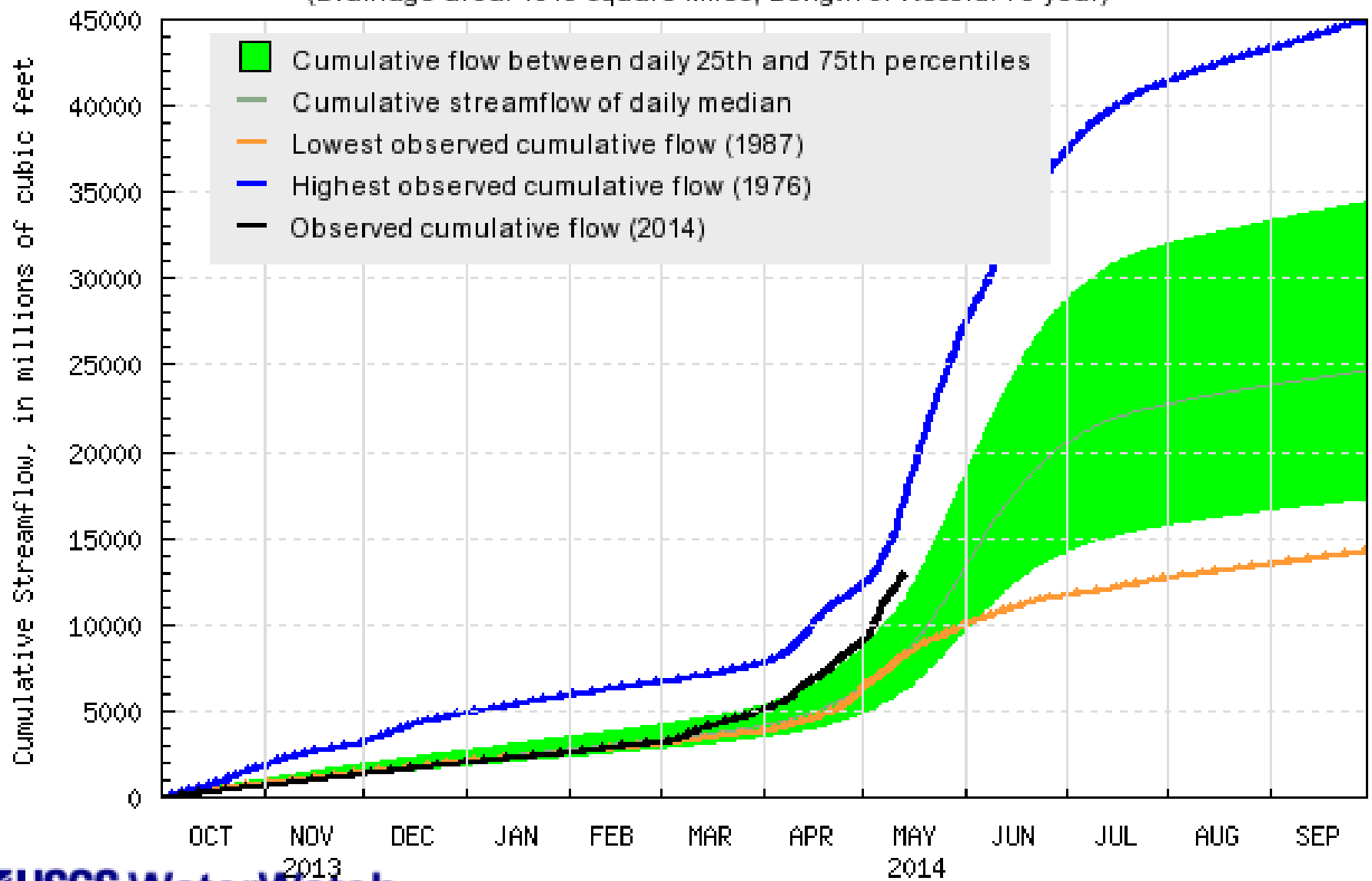


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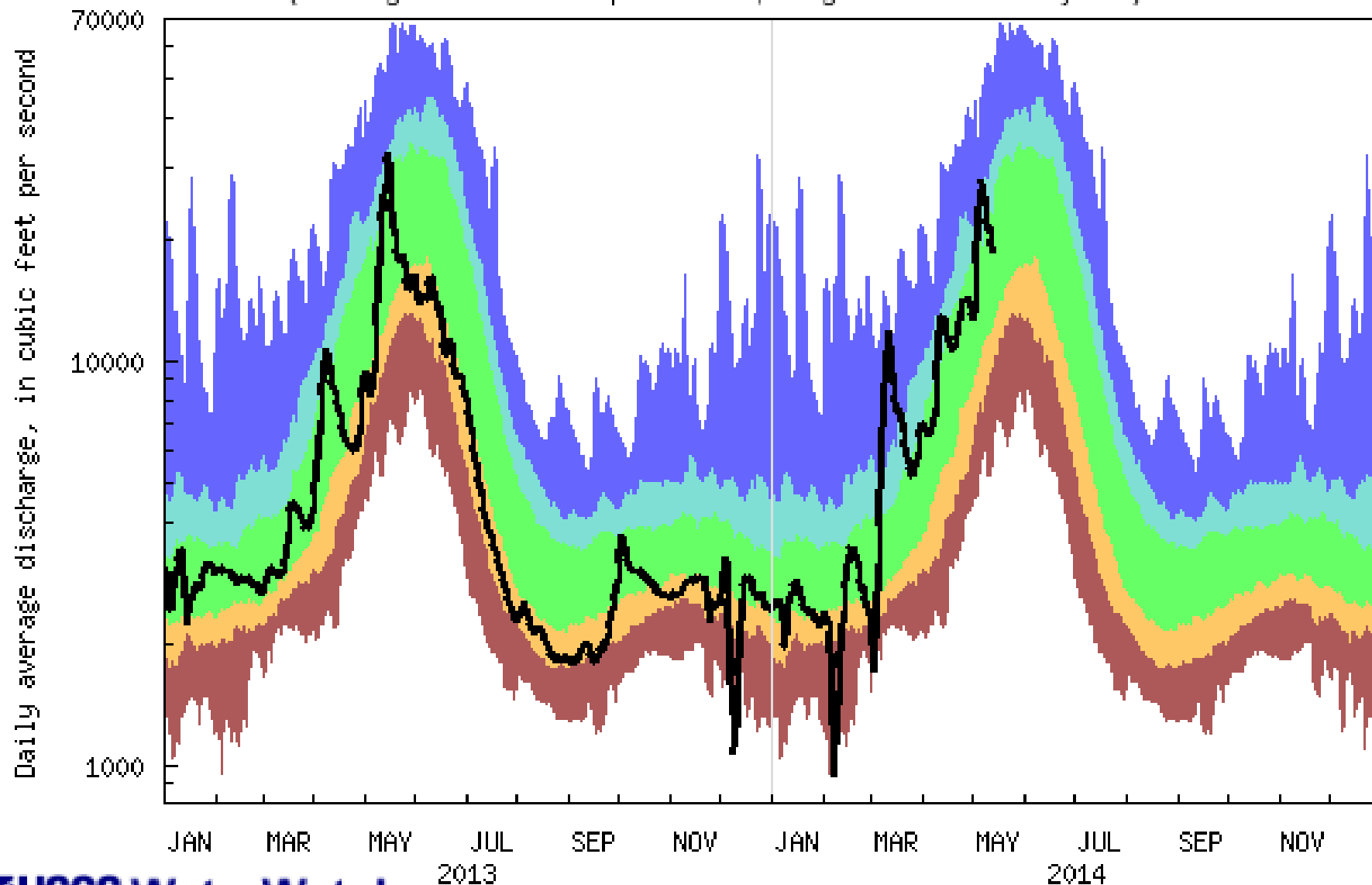


Explanation - Percentile classes					
lowest-10th percentile	10-24	25-75	76-90	90th percentile-highest	Flow
Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	

USGS 12344000 Bitterroot River near Darby MT  
(Drainage area: 1049 square miles, Length of Record: 75 year)

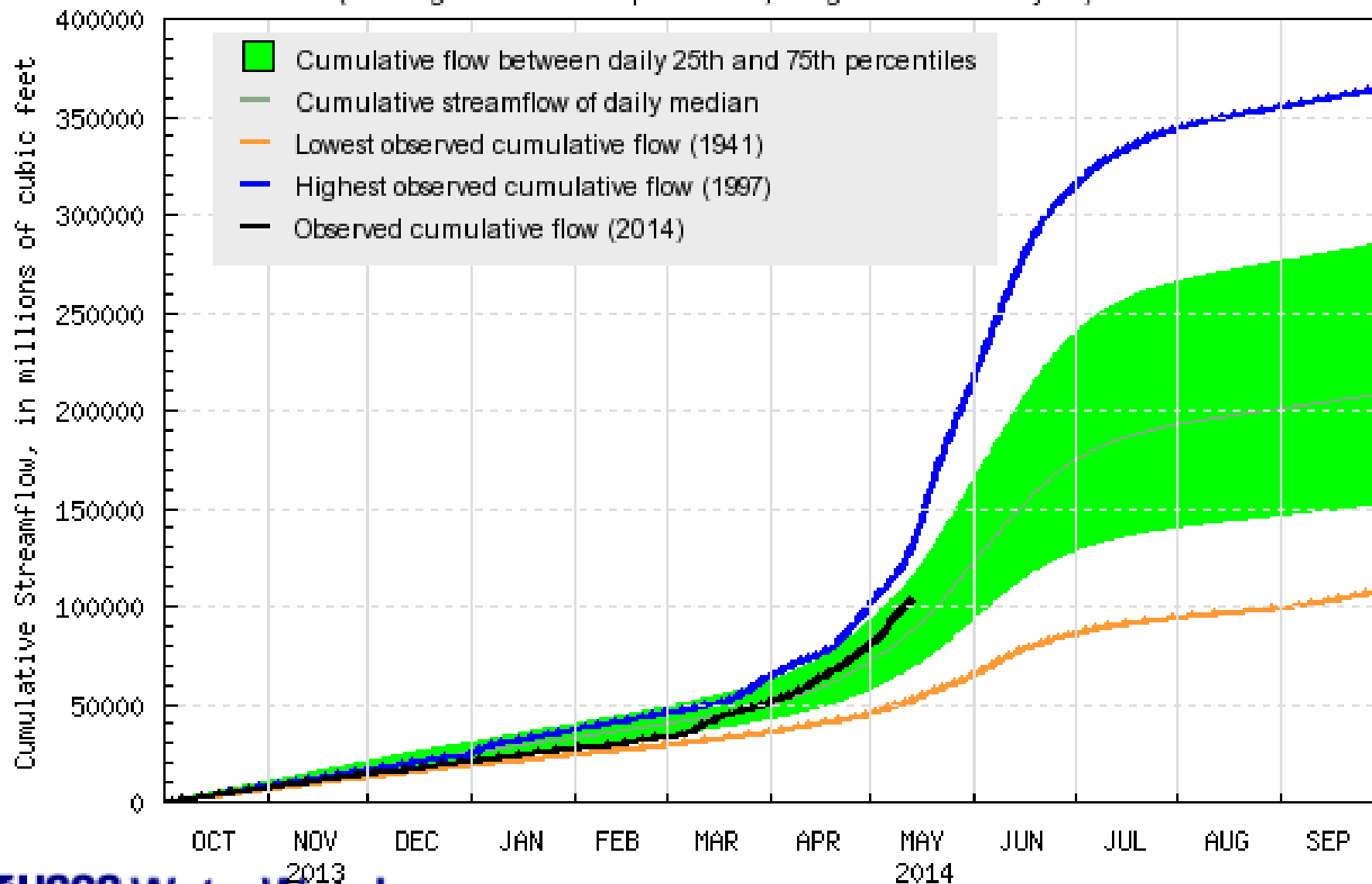


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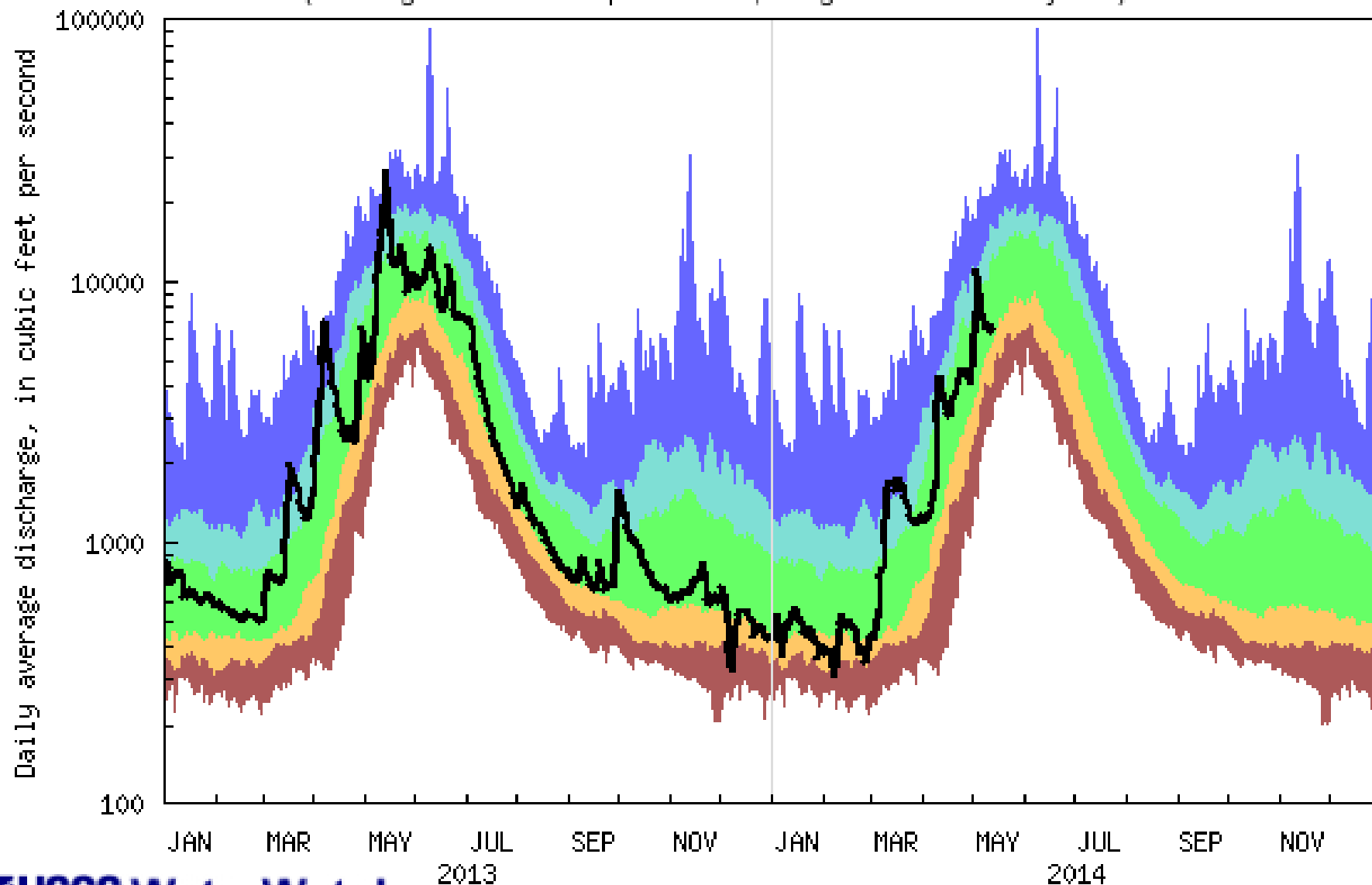


Explanation - Percentile classes					
lowest-10th percentile	10-24	25-75	76-90	90th percentile-highest	Flow
Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	

USGS 12354500 Clark Fork at St. Regis MT  
(Drainage area: 10709 square miles, Length of Record: 98 year)

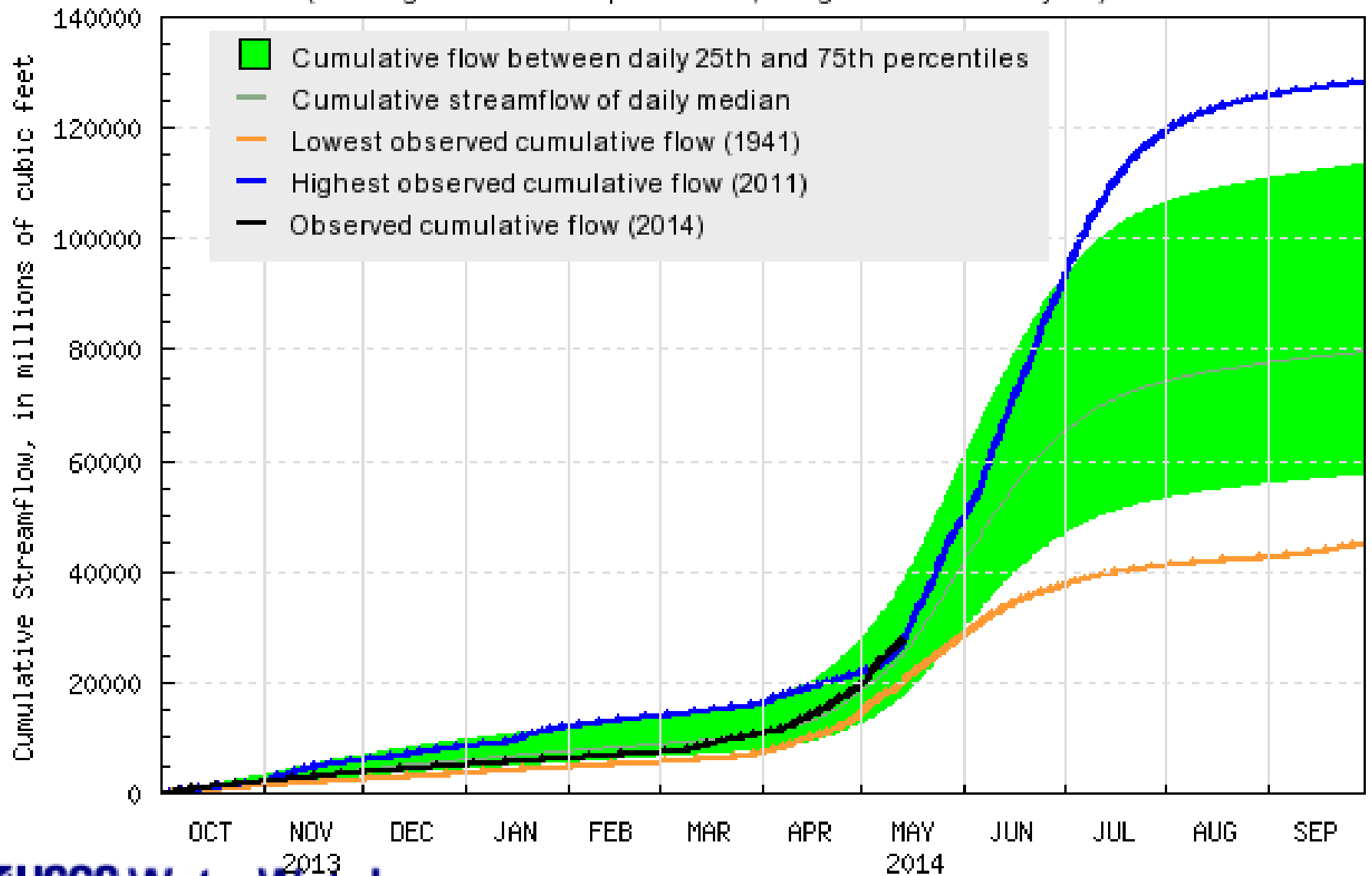


USGS 12358500 M F Flathead River near West Glacier MT  
(Drainage Area: 1128 square miles, Length of Record: 73 years)



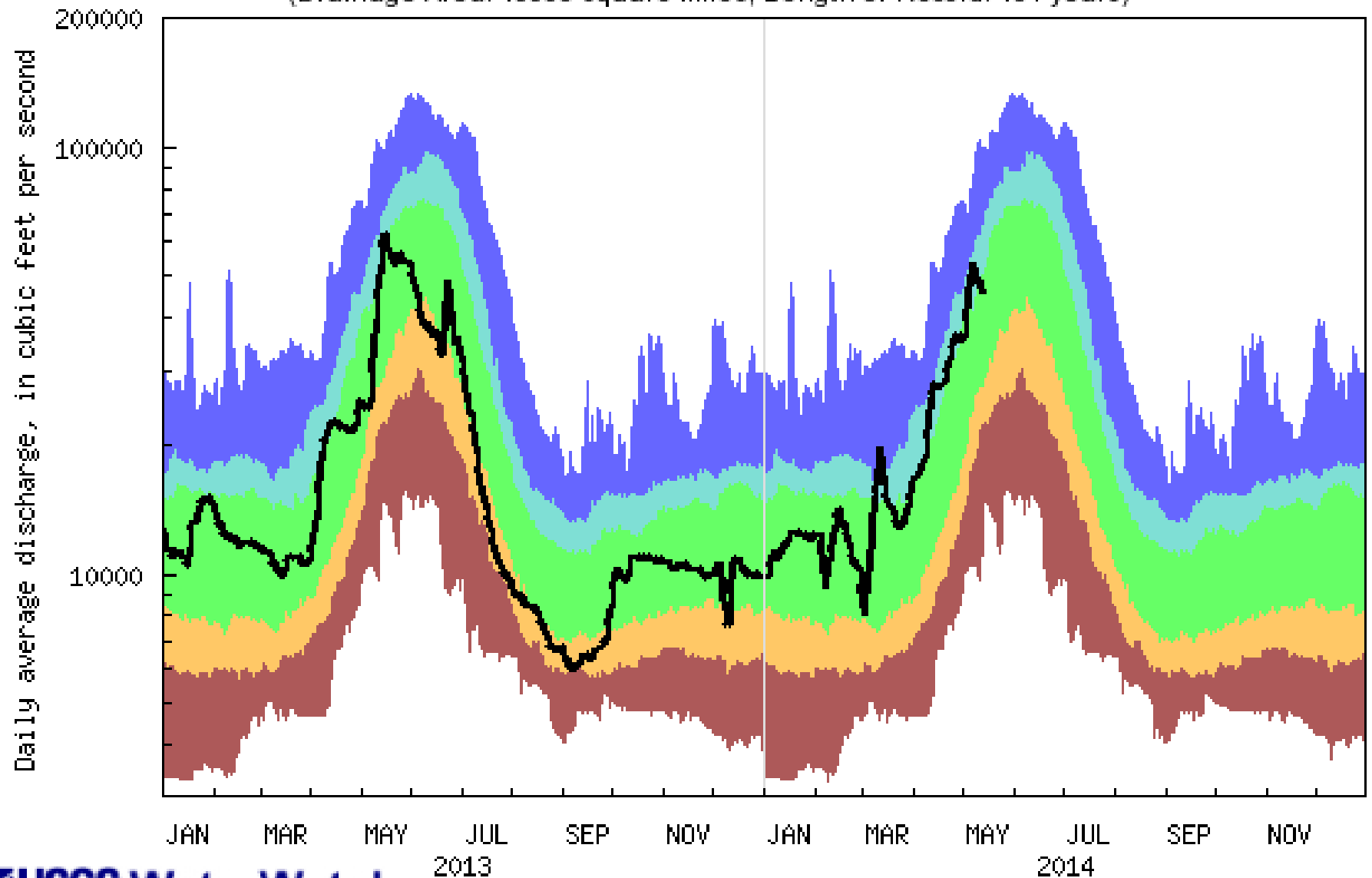
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Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	

USGS 12358500 M F Flathead River near West Glacier MT  
(Drainage area: 1128 square miles, Length of Record: 74 year)



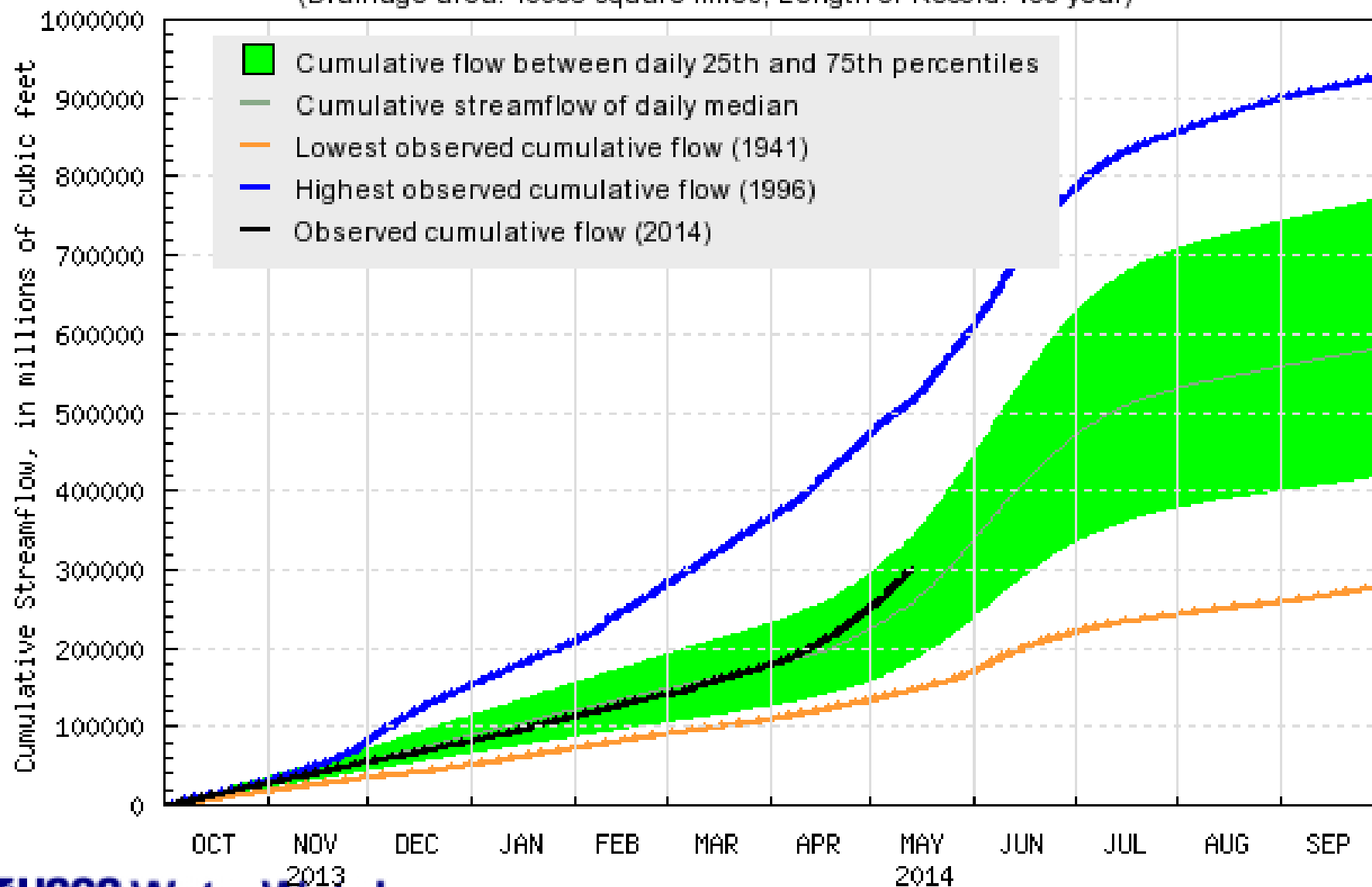


USGS 12389000 Clark Fork near Plains MT  
(Drainage Area: 19958 square miles, Length of Record: 101 years)



Explanation - Percentile classes					
lowest-10th percentile	10-24	25-75	76-90	90th percentile-highest	Flow
Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	

USGS 12389000 Clark Fork near Plains MT  
(Drainage area: 19958 square miles, Length of Record: 103 year)





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Access to streamflow (realtime and historical), water quality,  
and ground water information.

Montana District Home Page: <http://mt.usgs.gov>  
Montana Current Streamflow Conditions